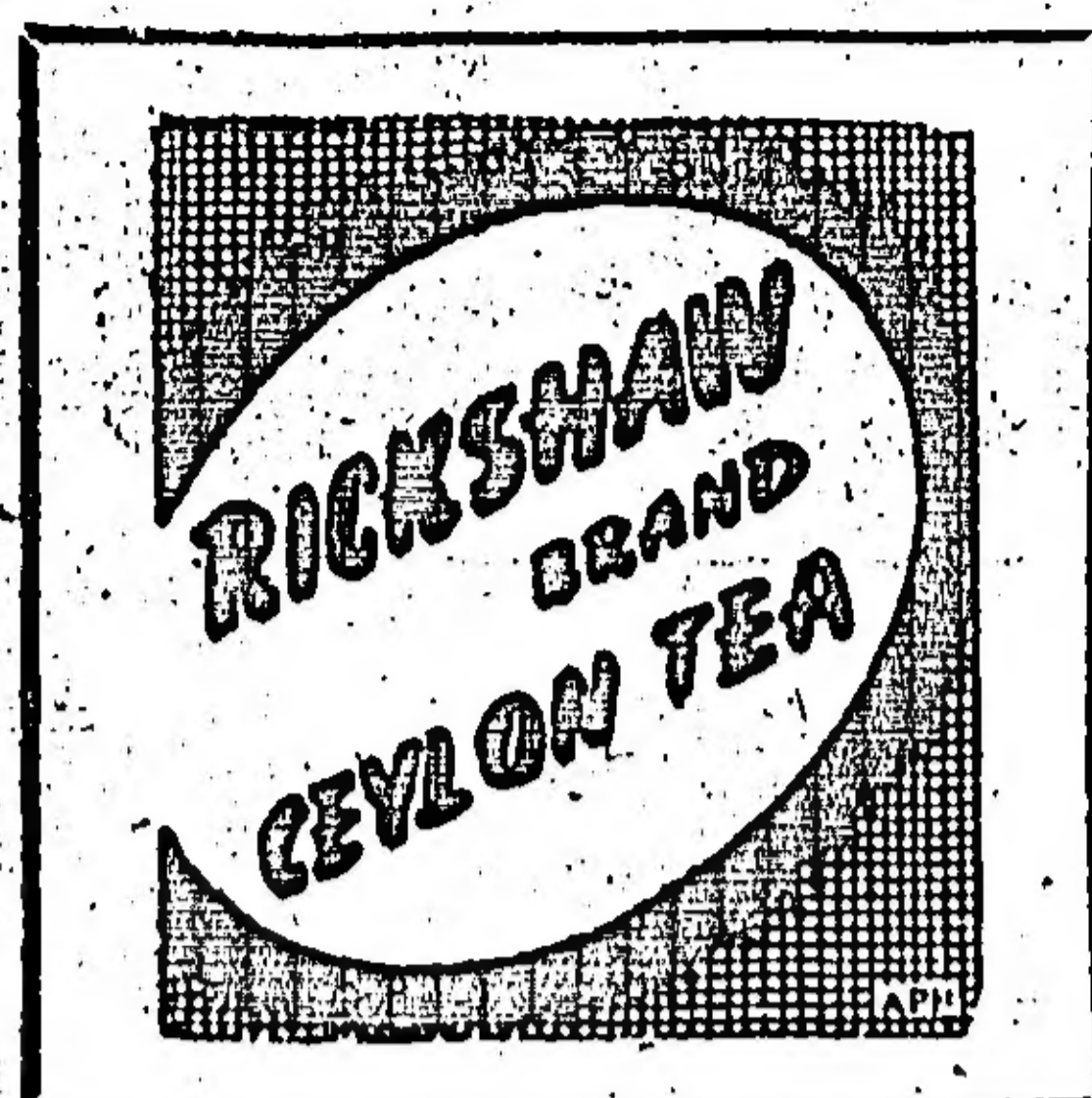


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ITALIAN DIVISIONS AT SIDI BARRANI CUT OFF British Forces Smash Through To Coast In 24 Hours WEDGE IN GRAZIANI'S ARMY

SIXTEEN MILLIONS A DAY LAST WEEK

Britain last week spent the record sum of nearly £16,000,000 a day.

This figure is disclosed by Exchequer returns for last week, issued in London yesterday, showing total ordinary expenditure at £110 millions and total ordinary revenue at £23 millions.—Reuter.

SMASHING THROUGH THE ITALIAN LINES IN THE WESTERN DESERT, BRITISH ARMoured UNITS WERE REPORTED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT TO HAVE CUT OFF PART OF TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS AT SIDI BARRANI.

Less than 36 hours after launching the surprise attack on a 30-mile front at dawn on Monday the British forces had reached the coast between Sidi Barrani and Bugbug.

As the attack developed British aircraft ceaselessly hammered Italian communications to check the movement of reinforcements.

During the night of Sunday British naval units successfully bombarded Maktila Camp and Sidi Barrani in support of the operations, stated a naval communique issued in Cairo.

In their swift thrust to the coast the British troops have driven a wedge between the Libyan forces holding Sidi Barrani and divisions supporting them further west.

The area occupied by the enemy forms, roughly speaking, an equilateral triangle the points of which are Sidi Barrani and the Italian camps at Maktila, 15 miles to the west along the coast, and Nibelwa, 15 miles due south of Sidi Barrani.

Nibelwa Camp was the position captured by the British early on Monday morning, when 500 prisoners were taken.

Naval Bombardment

While the Royal Navy bombarded one side of the triangle, armoured units, supported by infantry, attacked the other two sides.

Acting in close cooperation, the R.A.F. ranged continuously over the whole area, bombing Italian posts, destroying mechanised transport and breaking up troop formations. Many tons of bombs were dropped by British planes, which varied their tactics by diving low and carrying out machine-gun attacks on enemy troops.

The R.A.F.'s onslaught in support of the British drive undoubtedly accounts for the absence of Italian raids on Alexandria during recent moonlight nights.

Evidently the Italians needed every available aircraft to meet the R.A.F.

Meticulous Preparation

Months of meticulous preparation behind the lines preceded the present action against Marshal Graziani's army, the bulk of which appears to be stationed in the region round Sollum, where the frontiers of Egypt and Libya meet.

All branches of the British forces in the Middle East, extending for 400 miles into the desert from G.H.Q. at Cairo, are perfectly co-ordinated.

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BRITAIN CANNOT LOSE THE WAR

"BRITAIN CANNOT lose the war unless we are guilty of wavering on the road to victory," said Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, speaking in London last evening.

"I do not say victory is round the corner," Mr. Greenwood added, "but I do say unhesitatingly that Germany cannot win."

AWARDS TO A.A. MEN

Some of the achievements of Britain's anti-aircraft defences are revealed by the War Office announcing yesterday awards of the O.B.E. and M.C.

The O.B.E. goes to Lt.-Col. Norman Vause Sadler, commander of the anti-aircraft defences of Dover and East Kent, which have shot down no fewer than 90 enemy planes during the last five months. The M.C. is awarded to 2/Lt. Patrick Valon Bonnet, whose heavy anti-aircraft section of the Royal Artillery brought down 12 enemy planes during the last four months.—Reuter.

"Our naval power to-day is relatively greater than any other period of the war. Our air strength grows day by day."

Our new armies are steadily growing in numbers, equipment, efficiency and striking power. "Our industrial power in relation to war production continues to expand."

"The moral power of our people has never been higher than to-day after the most severe testing to which any nation has ever been subjected."

Enemies Puzzled

"Our enemies are puzzled and angered that a people whom they had been led to believe were decadent and devoid of vigorous qualities, attacked by the so-called dynamic young nations, should have been able not only successfully to withstand savage and unbridled terrorism far beyond what sufficed to bring other nations rapidly to their knees but at the same time to counter with hard, shrewd and staggering blows that inflict great and growing injury to our foes."—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S BALANCE SHEET

High officials of the United States defence and fiscal departments have been summoned to the Treasury to meet the Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau.

He will tell them the facts concerning Britain's financial resources which have been given by Sir Frederick Phillips, the British Treasury envoy.

It is understood that during their two-hour conversation at Mr. Morgenthau's home on Monday night, Sir Frederick presented

INVASION PORT FIRES STILL ABLAZE

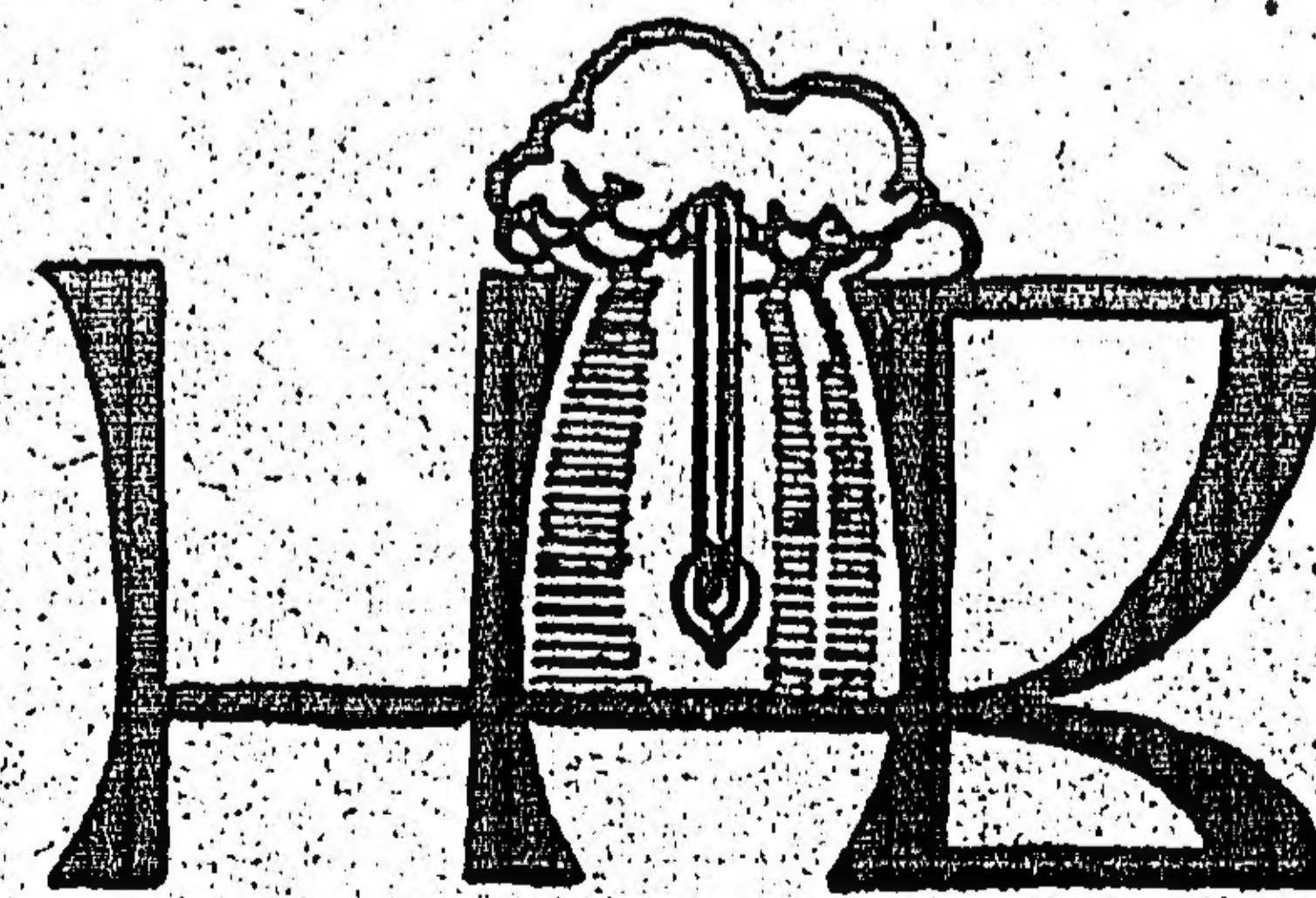
Fires started by the R.A.F. at French invasion ports on Monday night were still blazing fiercely yesterday.

In the morning the haze over mid-Channel glowed red but later, when the day was slightly older, great flames and columns of smoke rising from the French coast made a spectacular sight.

The fires appeared to be worst in and around Calais.—Reuter.

ed a balanced statement of Britain's resources and costs of supply.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Hitler On Defence In Pep Talk To Munition Workers

EVEN DISCUSSED DEFEAT -- RHETORICALLY

(By Reuter's Chief Diplomatic Correspondent)

HITLER'S SPEECH IN BERLIN YESTERDAY WAS PITCHED IN A DISTINCTLY MINOR KEY; THE WHOLE TONE OF THE SPEECH WAS DEFENSIVE RATHER THAN AGGRESSIVE, AS ARE HIS USUAL TIRADES.

There was less of the customary boasting and, strangest feature of all, he referred, albeit rhetorically, to two dramatic possibilities — of defeat, which he said would mean "the end not only of our socialist system but also of the German people, and of the possibility of an attempt by Britain to gain a footing on the Continent."

Emphasis on the double effects of defeat is significant, for it admits a distinction between Nazism and the German people which most Nazis would hesitate to confirm.

Hitler's defence of unrestricted bombing of open towns follows the lines of Goebbels propaganda.

It was always the other side that began it, although there is indisputable evidence to the contrary.

"On The Raw"

One revealing passage showed that despite his ignorance of foreign languages Hitler must be informed of opinions regarding him expressed abroad.

This was his outburst about the suggestion that he suffers from an inferiority complex.

The violence of his reaction suggests that the accusation touched him "on the raw."

Another detail that may or not be significant was the absence from the meeting of Rudolf Hess, the deputy leader, who has not been heard of since the bombing of the Munich beer cellar when he spoke in the name of the Fuehrer.—Reuter.

QUIET MOOD ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Although sentiment on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was brighter, business generally ruled quiet. Greek and Far Eastern loans, especially Chinese, moved higher but Brazilians occasionally were offered. Oils met with a good enquiry, Anglo-Iranian advancing from 31/3 to 35/-. Several industrials strengthened while

FIGHT BY FIGHT

One air battle during the third London area raid looked like a trapeze act, according to an eyewitness. He said:

"The R.A.F. fighters zoomed and dived and the bombers made frantic efforts to keep in formation. They failed. One was detached.

"Jerry knew he was trapped, and he circled madly round and round in a bid to dodge a fighter which was marking him while the other two flew out of sight on the tails of two other Germans.

"Then the fighter pilot, timing his dive magnificently, swooped in for the kill. Rat-tat-tat of bullets, the flare from the tracers, and—whoops—it was all over, with smoke pouring from the bomber as it dived to the ground."

Down In Flames

A woman living on the high ground above a district in the London area said: "We saw a formation of German machines tearing across the sky like silver arrows darting about. They were being chased

"Then we ran into the scullery and looked through the window. They went over almost over our house, and one of our machines was on top of a German.

"In an instant a silver-looking plane was diving to the ground. Its tail suddenly burst into flames."

Six Fight 80

In one encounter six Spitfires dived out of the sun, on about eighty Messerschmidt 110's flying three miles high in four circles of twenty.

Twenty Messerschmidt then hurtled down in line stern and joined in the battle. Two were crippled and were last seen falling with white smoke pouring from them.

One Spitfire pilot was forced to bale out but he landed safely in Kent.

Air Collision

A terrific fight in which a Spitfire and a Heinkel collided in mid-air, and in which three planes crashed to the ground, was seen by people living in a south-eastern rural district.

The Spitfire squadron dashed in among the Germans, who scattered, and fights broke out in all directions.

Suddenly a spitfire came nose-diving to the earth, followed immediately by a Junkers in flames and a Heinkel, which exploded in mid-air.

The R.A.F. pilot, who baled out, landed safely and rushed off to rejoin his unit.

CARNARVON CASTLE SEA AGAIN

H.M.S. Carnarvon Castle, which put into Montevideo for refitting after her clash with a German raider, sailed at 8.15 last evening.

All repairs had been completed, it was stated.

Despite rain a large crowd assembled at the quayside and cheered. Carnarvon Castle on her departure.—Reuter.

SPIES CONFESSED MISSION

After the two spies executed in Britain yesterday had been arrested, they confessed and told of instructions they had received.

This fact was disclosed in a broadcast last night by an officer whose business it is to prevent leakage of information to the enemy.

The officer stated that Jose Waldberg, the German, might have acted from patriotic motives, but that the Dutchman, Karl Meier, acted simply for money.

In addition to a wireless transmitter and a considerable sum in English money, the two men brought iron rations with them.—Reuter.

TURKEY PREPARING

"IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT SPRING THE LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF AIR RAID SHELTERS BE PROVIDED IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN TURKEY," STATED THE OFFICIAL ANKARA NEWSPAPER "ULUS" YESTERDAY.

The newspaper publishes designs of the Anderson (the small, back garden, semi-sunken type) shelter, with the recommendation that all municipalities study them and start providing similar structures.—Reuter.

PEIPING RUMOURS

ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED BUT PERSISTENT RUMOURS AMONG BOTH CHINESE AND JAPANESE CIRCLES IN PEIPING THE MURDERER OF THE JAPANESE COLONEL ON NOVEMBER 29 HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON A CHINESE RICKSHA COOLIE'S INFORMATION.

The murderer, it is rumoured, turned out to be a Japanese who donned Chinese dress for the occasion.

Reason for the murder is said to be due to internal quarrels among the Japanese.—Reuter.

HITLER SHOULD HAVE BEEN SHOT

— Mr. Morrison

UNDER THEIR POWERS the Home Office had not dealt with enemy aliens and other internees improperly or spitefully, declared Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, replying to the debate in the House of Commons yesterday.

They had seen what happened in Belgium, Holland and Norway. Mr. Morrison said, and added "We knew we had our own Quislings in this country ready to play their part.

"The lesson of Nazi Germany is that republican politicians at the time respected very fully those principles which are now urged upon me.

"The result was that Hitler was dealt with under a very gentle law. He was put into prison but given rights of access to certain persons and in two months he was out.

"If I had been running the German Government at that time, he would never have got out and would never have survived.

Ought To Have Been Shot

"He was an enemy of the State and ought to have been shot, and that would have been a very fine thing for Germany and the world.

"If I have to take any action in defence of the security of the State, I will take it. The security of the State in time of war comes before anything" — Reuter.



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BLAME ON PARENTS

"The real trouble" is not the wildness of youth, but the stupidity of parents."

This criticism is made by the vicar of St. John the Baptist Church, Chester, the Rev. A. W. G. Duffield, who writes in his parish magazine:

"I am writing this to you parents not as a parson, but as one who has four children of his own."

"I am appalled by the state of affairs concerning young people, and I am certain that to abuse the youngsters for the present laxity is beside the point."

"To see girls of sixteen hanging around our streets in the evening to 'pick up' a soldier or another, and later to hear them shouting and singing at an hour when they ought to be in bed is damning commentary on the slackness of many parents — but you cannot blame the troops."

"They are decent lads and lonely and bored — and only human."

"Sheer Cruelty"

"Usually the girls ask for whatever they get, and the person to blame is the parents who has not sense enough to realise that the surrender of parental control is not kindness — it is sheer cruelty, and a cowardly evasion of responsibility."

"I believe the time has come in the interest of the children to reassert our parental control. Small children ought not to be playing in the streets at ten o'clock at night. Boys of fourteen should not be allowed on street corners in foulmouthed gangs when they ought to be in bed."

"Girls of sixteen ought not to be allowed to hang around dark entries with any chance man up to midnight."

Propitious Moment For Onslaught Not To Be Missed

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

LATEST NEWS FROM CAIRO SUGGESTS THAT THE MOMENT FOR STRIKING ANOTHER BLOW AGAINST THE ITALIANS — THIS TIME IN LIBYA — HAS NOT BEEN MISSED.

A heavy stroke has already been delivered against Marshal Graziani's forces which he rashly pushed forward to Sid Barrani. Italian generals have been captured or killed, over 4,000 prisoners taken and many tanks captured.

This is an encouraging beginning, though it is early yet to gauge what the final result of these operations will be.

The Italians may be driven back along their lines of retreat, and though they will be badly mauled, their main force round Sid Barrani may manage to escape.

It is, however, possible that a disaster of considerable magnitude will be inflicted on the Italians.

A turning movement along the Libyan Plateau down the escarpment on to the road between Solum and Sid Barrani, may develop.

This is not the only encircling movement which may be initiated with the object of totally destroying the Italians; Britain commands the sea, and a naval attack escorting a landing force may possibly strike still further to the Italian rear, towards Tobruk.

The scope of such operations is admittedly on the grand scale. It

would involve some extra effort and risk.

Moment Propitious

But the moment is propitious; the enemy's morale is undoubtedly shaken and may give way altogether quite easily.

Such an event was witnessed when France collapsed. We can remember the handful of Germans who pushed right across France regardless of the French army and seized Bordeaux.

These are days and moments for great strokes.

It is to be noted with satisfaction that General Wavell and Sir Maitland Wilson have called on every weapon at our command to play its part in defeat of the enemy, for both the Navy and Air Force have been active and have made their power felt.

Arabs May Rise

It remains to be seen whether the British can press the Italians back into Libya, whether indeed, we can drive them out of the country altogether.

The Arabs may well rise and make harassing attacks on isolated Italian columns, parties and even their civilian colonists.

On the other side of the Mediterranean—in Albania—the prospects look equally bright.

The Greeks are still pressing on despite the terrible winter weather. Such weather is as destructive to a retreating enemy as it is a cause of delay to an advancing one.

Albanian Peril

But with whom did the advantage lie in 1812, when Napoleon retreated from Moscow—with the advancing Russians or the retreating French?

The Italians in Albania are in a most dangerous situation. If the British could spare enough ships from the operations on the Libyan coast to send a naval squadron to Valona, the stroke would be decisive.

A naval attack on that port would cut off the retreat of half the Italian army and would prevent further reinforcements from reaching them.

The Fleet need have no fears in accepting such a challenge; Mussolini and his Fascist Empire are rocking. Can the British forces push it over now? It is possible. —Reuter.

try, a working acquaintance with logarithms, some practice in photography and a natural delicacy of touch.

In one of these gunnery schools in the Western Command girls are instructing A.A. men in kite-theodolite mysteries.

"The girls are doing a good job with these instruments," said the officer in charge of the school. "This is certainly one thing women can do well."

TRAPPED 7 HOURS —ALIVE

A child who was rescued alive from the wreckage of two houses destroyed by a big bomb asked wardens who had been digging seven hours for her for a cup of tea.

"I should like a nice cup of tea," she said.

It is feared that others are still buried and while the rescue work was in progress, a mechanical navy was scooping up into trucks what remains of the houses, which are in a 'London' area.

A family in a South-East town of England had a remarkable escape when one of a stick of high explosive bombs fell about three yards from their bungalow.

Children Slept On

In one bedroom were Mr. Charles Scarff, and in the other his sister-in-law, Mrs. Landymore, his son, aged four, and Mrs. Landymore's daughter, aged two.

Although the concrete window lintels, weighing about 4cwt., were blown into the bedroom, no one was hurt.

In the second bedroom the whole window fell across the sleeping children, but scarcely a pane of glass was broken and the children had to be awakened.

The force of the explosion also tore off the chimneys of neighbouring bungalows.

Other bombs, including incendiaries, were dropped on the surrounding countryside, but no material damage is reported.

PART PLAYED BY R.A.F. IN NEW OFFENSIVE

DETAILED REPORTS now received showing the part played by the R.A.F. in supporting the military offensive in the Western Desert, show, according to a communique issued by R.A.F. headquarters in Cairo, that on the first day, on Monday, every enemy aerodrome from Derna to Sidi Barrani was heavily raided by British bombers, causing great damage.

In addition, our fighters and bombers continually attacked enemy troop concentrations and motor transport over the whole operational area.

Twenty-two enemy aircraft were reported shot down or destroyed — 18 confirmed and four unconfirmed.

One squadron accounted for 11 of these, four of which were seen burning on the ground at the same time.

Another fighter squadron caused great damage to enemy communications and inflicted many casualties on enemy personnel by dive machine-gun attacks.

Movement Dislocated

Later reconnaissance flights reported large fires west of Bugbug and in other roads, and enemy motor transport burning on the road, causing dislocation of enemy troop movements.

During these intensive air operations, which were continuous from dawn till dusk, only three of our aircraft failed to return to base, but the pilots of two are safe within our territory. — Reuter.

EVE TEACHES MEN

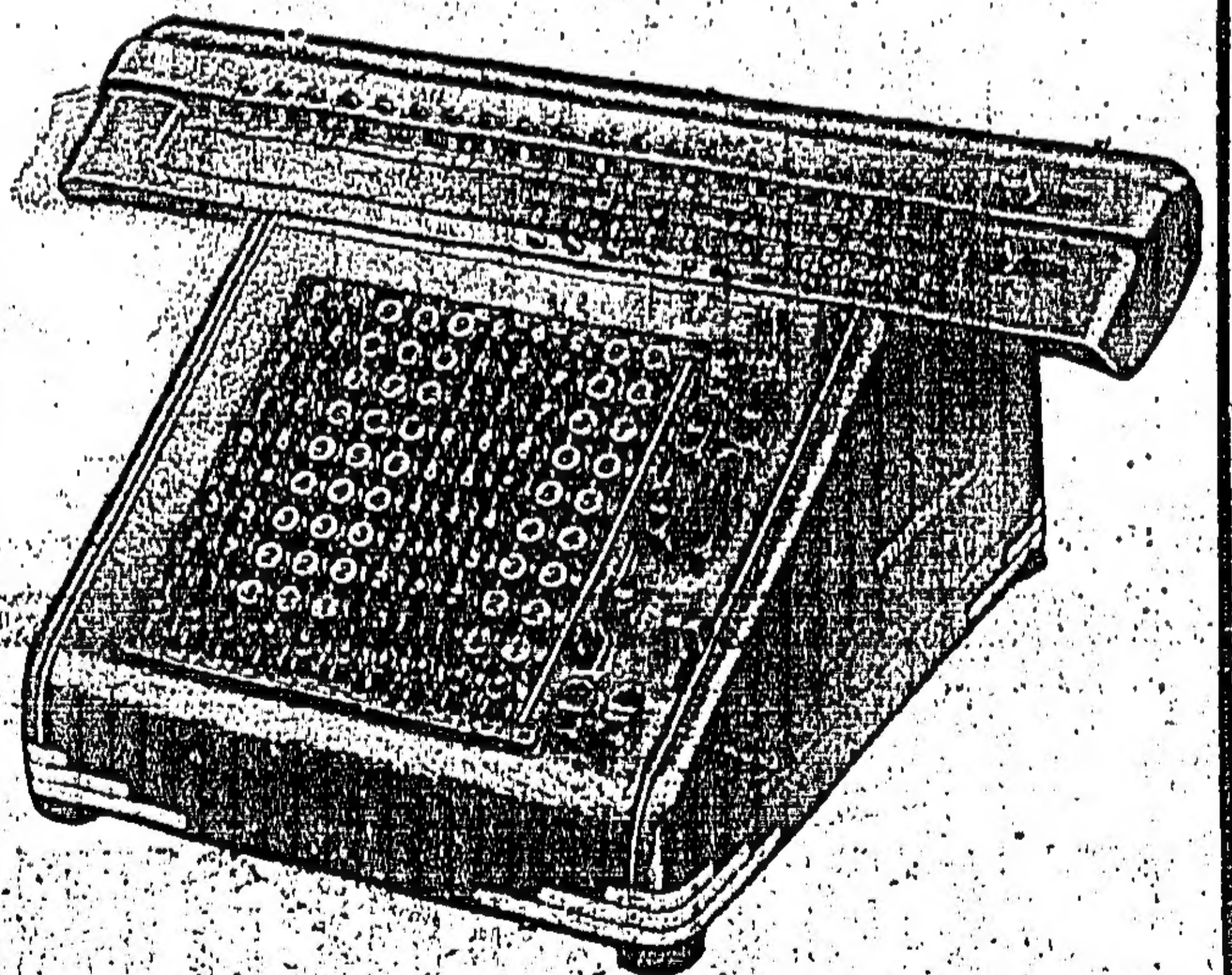
Girls of the A.T.S. may wear gunners' lanyards now — if they can earn them in a job that perhaps one girl in a thousand could successfully do.

Schools teaching anti-aircraft gunnery use instruments called kine-theodolites to check up on the accuracy of their shooting. When guns are firing at a target towed by an aeroplane the kine-theodolite may pick up errors not clear to the unaided eye.

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HITLER'S APOLOGY FOR FAILURE OF BLITZKRIEG

HITLER'S SPEECH yesterday to armament workers in Berlin sounded more like an apology for inaction than anything else.

Over half the time was devoted to a tirade about "lebensraum," the Versailles Treaty and the economic position of Germany. It was a revised version of the speech which has served him so often in the past, and drew practically no applause.

He then went on to say that Mr. Churchill had planned the war. "People say I have a feeling of inferiority towards England," he said. "They are crazy! I have never had an inferiority complex!"

He made the somewhat amazing statement that not one of Germany's armament works have yet been hit by the R.A.F. In this connection, it may be recalled that on Monday the German journal "Das Reich" complained that the German Press was not allowed to give any reports indicating the scope of the British raids. For the rest, the speech was a long explanation for Germany's inaction, and Hitler seemed to recall that some of his listeners might be thinking of his boast that the war would be over by last September.

"Every Caution"

He told them he considered it worthwhile to wait. "I am very cautious in this respect," he said. "We don't want prestige successes." He tried to comfort his hearers by painting a picture of the peaceful reconstruction that would ensue once Germany had won the war — practically the sole reference in the whole speech to his "New Order." He spoke vaguely about "far-reaching plans" for improving the lot of the German people, and "shattering the barriers" around Germany so that she will "occupy the place due to her." — Reuter.

SON WAS RESCUER

A demolition worker who dug for twelve hours to free people trapped in a bomb-wrecked home, found that two of the victims were his father and mother. He got them out and they were taken to hospital.

The house was one of several in the North London area which were demolished by a heavy bomb.

For hours the rescue workers did not know whether there was anyone alive in the wreckage. They dug and searched systematically.

They were ordered to take cover during a later raid when gunfire was heard overhead, but they refused, and went on with the rescue work.

Soon afterwards a sudden cry of "Quiet, please," produced a dramatic silence. Then faint sounds were heard from among the debris.

Policeman Trapped

After an hour's more digging came the first rescue—a dog, which belonged to the demolition worker who retrieved it. Then the man got out his father and mother.

Later some bodies were recovered from the debris. All day efforts were continued at a post office building to reach a war reserve policeman who was believed to have been buried.

One man, who persistently refused to leave his home and seek shelter, was persuaded to do so for the first time on Thursday night. His home was wrecked.

JUST A HITLER PEP TALK

Hitler's speech is regarded in Washington as a "pep talk" to munition workers and a challenge to the rest of the world, whether belligerents or not, who oppose Nazi economics.

Hitler's announcement of war on capitalism everywhere is taken in Washington as timed chiefly at Britain and the United States, and as a final recognition that America, if not a belligerent, is really in the war with Britain.

It is also considered significant that German workers needed such a "pep talk" particularly such a lengthy one. — Reuter.

CONSULTS SHELTER USERS

Mr. Robert Boothby, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, walked the streets of London between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. to watch the exodus from the air raid shelters.

He was seeking first-hand information to help in advancing the Ministry's plans for emergency feeding.

"The spirit of the people was magnificent," Mr. Boothby said. "Interrogated many of them, and what suggestions they had to make were made cheerfully. Some of them were constructive. My experiences will assist us in dealing with the emergency. It is a case of full speed ahead."

BRITISH LOAN TO CHINA

A large loan to China — £10,000,000 — was announced by Mr. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday.

He recalled that on November 30 the United States Government announced its intention of extending large credits to China.

The British Government, in view of the importance of its financial and economic relations, has now decided to grant further financial assistance.

Providing suitable arrangements can be made that sterling is available for use only in the sterling area, Britain is prepared in principle to make an advance of £5,000,000 to the Chinese Stabilisation Fund and to grant credits for a further £5,000,000 available for purchases within the sterling area. This decision has already been communicated to the Chinese Government. — Reuter.

FEWER SICK SINCE WAR

Nights at work or in air raid shelters might be expected to undermine the health if not the morale of the people of this country, but statistics show that times of greatest stress during the past twelve months have been the times when the least number of people have been on the sick list.

British people are not ailing, and they are not rushing to the medicine bottle.

During the period April to June — when Hitler took over most of his temporary European territory — the sickness rate in Lancashire alone dropped by over 121,000 people.

An official of an insurance committee said that the national reaction to the war had been remarkable.

"It is the most remarkable tribute to the workpeople of the country," he said. "One would expect that with thousands of our healthy young men in the forces, the sickness rate of the remaining population would naturally increase, but it has not been so."

"I think the explanation lies in the fact that people are so busy working that they have no time to be neurotic or to bother about minor ailments."

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PROBLEM OF WINTER TRAFFIC

The Minister of Transport (Col. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon) has set up a special committee of traffic experts to solve the problems of transport during the winter.

On this committee, who have already met, are representatives of the Ministries of Home Security, Health and Labour, and traffic chiefs from Scotland Yard and many local authorities.

Their object is to re-arrange traffic facilities in the light of new conditions that will be created by air raids and earlier hours of darkness and to create emergency machinery which may be put into operation at a moment's notice in any part of London.

Many Proposals

No final decisions have yet been reached, but the committee are considering many proposals daily.

Already London Transport have a pool of 600 buses for emergencies, which can be switched about where and when required.

One suggestion being considered by the committee is that this fleet should be increased by some of the many hundreds of coaches and charabancs which have been lying idle since war began.

Another idea under review is closer cooperation between all the

PICKED UP SECRET — IS IGNORED

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WALKING ALONG Bruton-place, Bond Street, London, W., Mr. S. Smith, motor-car salesman, saw a folded piece of paper lying in the roadway. Casually he picked it up. He discovered that it contained the copy of a telegram addressed to the Admiralty, Whitehall, giving particulars of the movements of a cargo ship from South Africa, including date of departure for Britain.

main-line railways and London Transport Board with the possibility of inter-availability of tickets between them all.

It is likely that pre-war Green Line coach services will be fully restored by double-decked buses—as many coaches are still being used by the Government on ambulance service.

It is certain, too, that peak hours of travelling will change with the conditions; the various services will cooperate with business premises to prepare for new rush hours.

The question of speeding up trains now limited to 15 miles an hour during Alerts has also been considered.

This is unlikely to be changed, because increased speeds would mean increased "flashing" from electric trains and steam trains would have to increase the size of their fires which might make them visible by flames from their smoke stacks.

Mr. Smith, who is employed in Bruton Place, immediately telephoned the Admiralty telling them of his important find.

He was told someone would collect the document at once.

That was at 11 a.m. The telegram is still unclaimed.

"I Am Amazed"

But the Admiralty will be glad to learn that—unlike the original owner of the telegram—Mr. Smith is keeping it safely under lock and key.

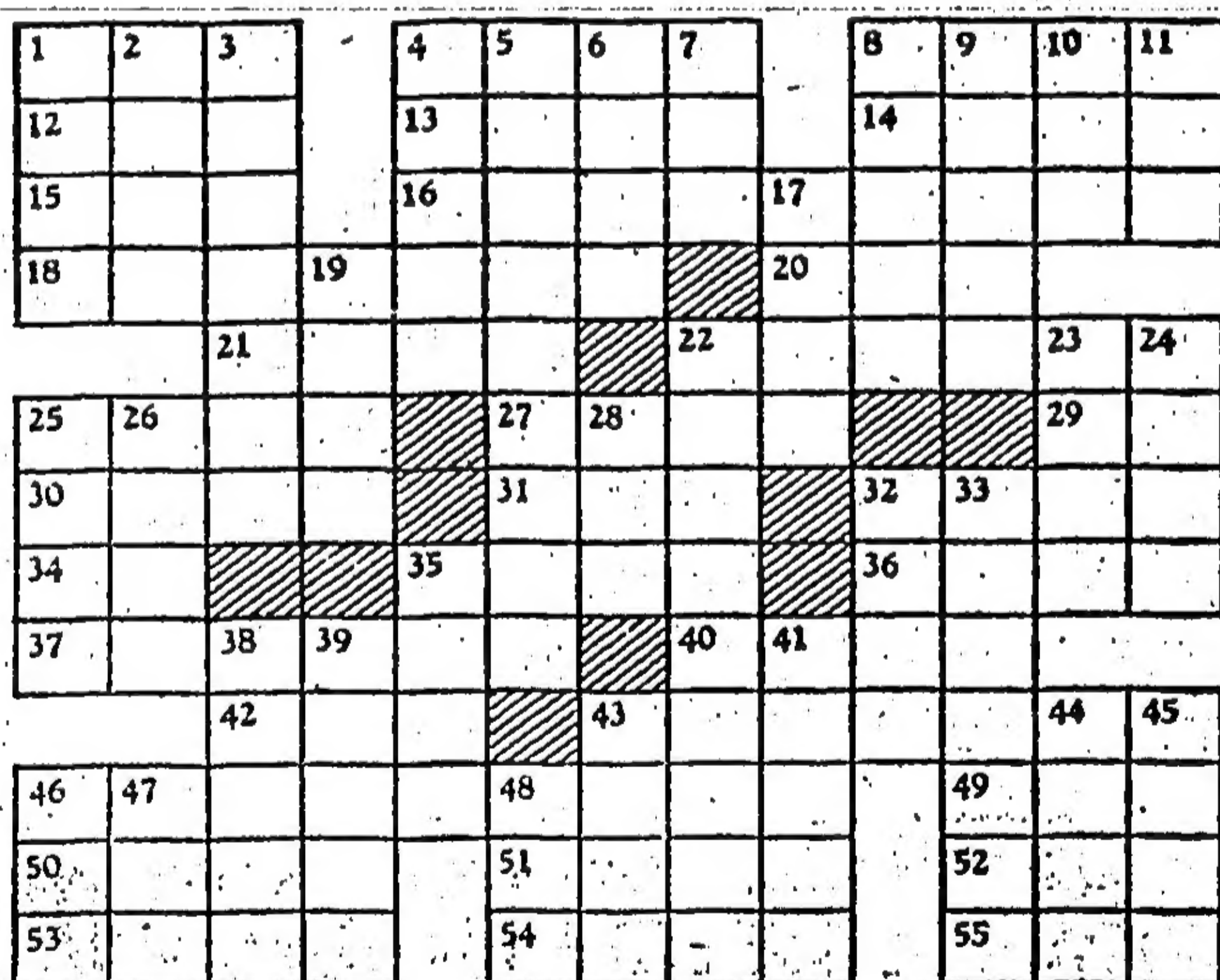
Mr. Smith is a busy man, and has no intention of wasting his time running after the Admiralty.

But he does believe that the public should be told of the lax attitude of their servants in Whitehall.

Mr. Smith said:—

"I am amazed and disgusted to think that the Admiralty could not spare one of their many messengers to collect the copy of this telegram. 'The Government slogan is, 'Careless talk costs lives.' They should change 'talk' to 'officials'!"

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- 1 Killer whale
- 4 Former Russian ruler
- 6 Archangel: you
- 12 A duet
- 13 Ancient circuit court
- 14 White with age
- 15 Man's name
- 16 Purple gems
- 18 Lobsterlike crustaceans
- 20 Rice paste glucose
- 21 Neither good nor bad
- 22 To sever
- 23 To assist
- 27 Plumlike fruit
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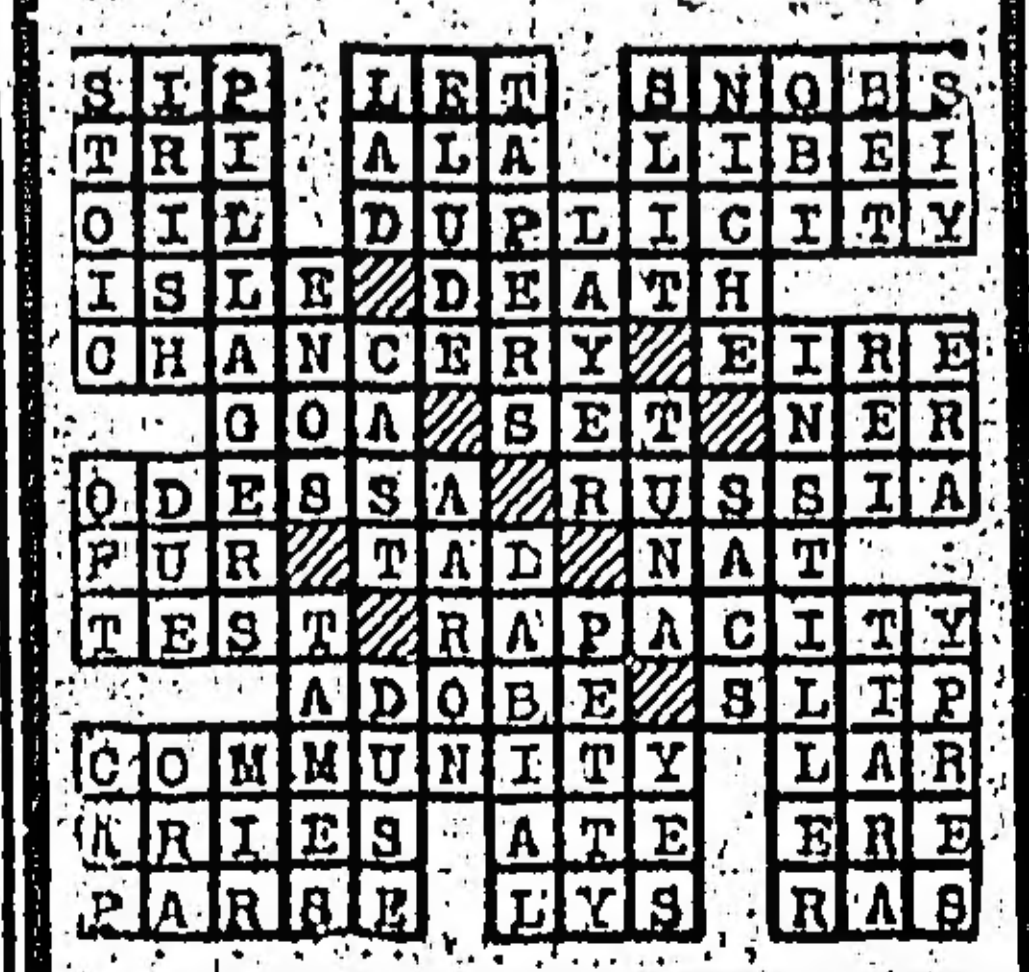
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- 42 Poetic: to unclose
- 43 American humorist
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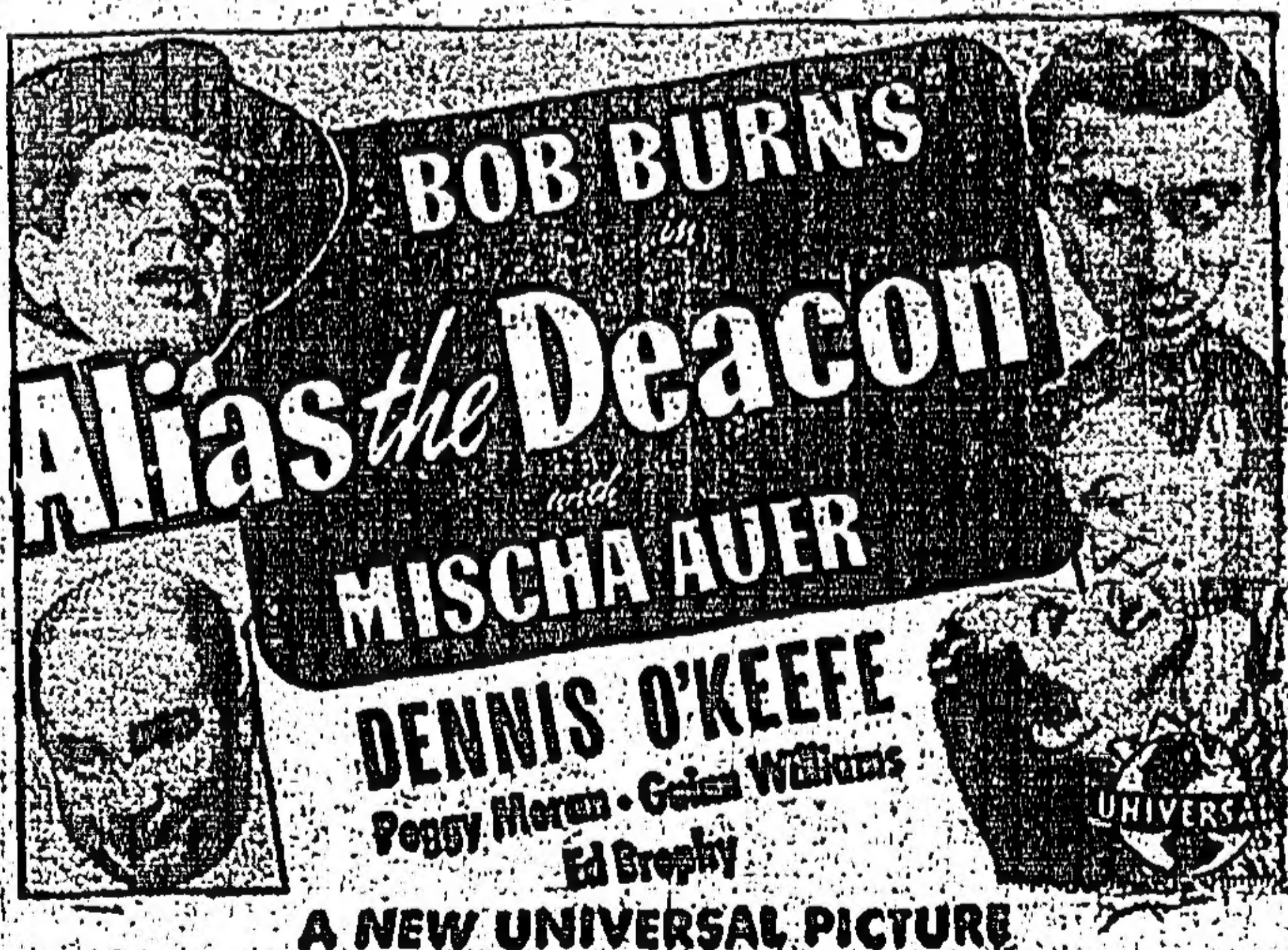
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HE PICKED UP FIRE-BOMB IN HOSPITAL

WHEN A WARNING was given in a north-east coast town the patients at an isolation hospital were taken to a shelter—all except one. He was too ill to be moved. So Able-Seaman William Godfrey Furse, twenty-six, who was convalescing, volunteered to stay and look after him.

The hospital was subjected to a fierce attack, about thirty incendiary bombs being dropped on it. One crashed through the roof and landed on the floor of the ward. Immediately Able-Seaman Furse grabbed a couple of blankets, wrapped them round the sizzling bomb and picked it up.

Then he dashed through the ward and flung it through the doorway. Able-Seaman Furse, who is married, lives at Aberdare, South Wales.

Saved By 'Bogey Hole'

The day before their home in a London suburb was bombed the Glenny family moved their beds downstairs and arranged for nine-year-old Michael to sleep under the stairs.

He laughed and called it his "Bogey Hole bedroom"—but it saved his life.

The house was hit and wrecked. His mother and father, and a woman lodger in the house were killed.

But Michael, sleeping on a mattress in his "Bogey Hole bedroom," escaped almost unscathed.

When the bomb fell the mattress curled up and protected him. He was found in the crater, covered with debris—but still on the mattress.

Not knowing that his parents were dead, he lay trapped for an hour and a half while rescue workers dug to free him. His only concern was for the safety of his pet budgerigar.

"Mummy's in the next room," he said; after he had been freed. "Why don't you go and get her and ask her to bring Budgy?"

They dare not tell him that his mother was dead—with the little green bird at her side.

Michael was taken to a nearby first-aid station where workers offered to adopt him, but relatives were found who are going to take him with them when he can be moved.

"I Want Budgy"

"I want Budgy." That is what he kept asking when a reporter saw the ambulance commandant who is giving him a temporary home at her house.

"Can't understand why mummy does not bring him to me. Perhaps she can't find him," Michael said.

An A.R.P. worker has found him another budgerigar. They told him a Mummy had sent it.

"He does not yet know that his parents are dead," the Commandant said.

"He's a brave little boy. He didn't even cry as he lay trapped on the edge of the bomb crater, buried by fallen masonry with workers trying to dig him out. All he was worried about was his pet, so I have bought him another. We are pretending it is his Budgy."

ALIENS HELP BEAT BOMBS

WORKING TOGETHER UNDER ARMED GUARD IN A MANX VILLAGE WORKSHOP, THREE INTERED ALIENS HAVE COMPLETED AN INVENTION TO COMBAT THE INCENDIARY BOMB. DETAILS OF THE INVENTION ARE SECRET, AND HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE WAR OFFICE FOR TESTS.

The three men—one a Jewish Doctor of Science—were sent to the Isle of Man to be interned about three months ago. Since then they have occupied their time perfecting details of their idea.

When they reached the final stages of their work, they applied to the camp commandant for facilities to weld certain parts. These were granted.

Now the inventors are eagerly awaiting the result of the tests. If their idea materialises they will have driven another nail in Hitler's coffin.

WRECKED MEN'S WEDDING FEAST

When the men of a wrecked Swedish ship reached the island of Bernera Lewis, off the west coast of Scotland, they were given the food and drink prepared for a wedding feast.

And the bride spent her wedding morning attending to the injured.

When the people of Breanish in Uig, were offered payment by the owners of a vessel whose crew they had entertained, they asked that any gift should be handed to Lewis Hospital.

That is the spirit in which the crofters and fishermen of the lonely Scottish isles have received hundreds of shipwrecked seamen who have been landed there.

Two Breanish boys, Malcolm Macaulay and Angus Maclean, saw a shipwrecked crew on a rocky islet off the coast trying to catch a sheep for food.

The boys signalled them to a safe landing on the mainland, took them to the village and made tea for them. The boys were preparing to wash the swollen feet of the seamen when their mothers came home from the fields where they worked.

"Treated Like Lords"

"They treated us like little lords," said one of the crew.

"We are British shipwrecks" was the cry heard by the crofters of Northton-in-Harris over the roar of the breakers when a strange boat was seen approaching the coast.

The crofters plunged into the sea and took the boat safely ashore. Aboard were ten survivors out of a British crew of forty-two who had been fourteen days adrift.

The people of Northton did

NAZI VISIT WAS BRIEF

"Will all pilots of No. 1 Squadron stand at the ready!" This message from a loudspeaker gave me the first intimation that German planes were approaching the area covered by the fighters of the South of England aerodrome on which I was standing, writes a correspondent.

A moment before the airfield had almost a peaceful atmosphere. Now everything was changed. There was an air of expectancy, of tenseness. Men dashed to their stations. Sentries and those of us without an immediate task, stood scanning the skies.

"There's something doing," said the corporal who was by my side.

Then, with a roar, the Hurricanes took off and, in a moment, were lost to sight.

About three minutes later came the voice from the loudspeaker again: "Will all pilots of No. 1 Squadron stand ready." Another batch of Britain's fighters pilots prepared to go into battle.

I wish every member of the public could have been there to see the speed and calm efficiency of the whole thing. It was fine.

Then, once again, the voice from the loudspeaker — "Will all personnel take cover immediately." And with that we all, including W.A.A.F.s who were chatting and laughing made for the shelters.

I found myself in a machine-gun blockhouse sitting on boxes of ammunition with the gun crew waiting for a sight of a German plane.

Aching For A Shot

"There's a Jerry in the sun," said a gunner, and keen eyes searched in the sun's glare for a sign of the Nazi bomber who might be diving at any second to unload his eggs on the airfield.

Those boys in the blockhouse were aching to get a shot at the raider — but he passed by.

When the fighters returned, "victory rolls" showed they had contacted the enemy. It wasn't long before this was confirmed.

"Score — six to nothing," the loud speaker announced, as though broadcasting a football match score.

And the pilots who a short time before had been facing death in the sky went off for cups of tea.

what they could for the seamen until they were removed to hospital.

"No seamen were ever treated better," said one of the crew.

NURSE DEFIED BOMBS TO SAVE 112--GETS M.B.E.

A NURSE WHO defied fierce German bombing to get 112 wounded soldiers out of hospital to safety has been awarded the M.B.E. for "gallant and distinguished service." She is Sister Nellie Goodwin, native of Staffordshire, a heroine of the Norway campaign.

She was sitting in a Welsh hospital listening to the radio when, suddenly, she heard the announcer mention her name.

Then she heard the first news of the award.

"I was in charge of the hospital at Harstad, in Norway, on May 20 when Jerry came over and bombed us. I had 112 patients.

"As the bombs fell almost continuously, I and other members of the staff, moved all the wounded into the basement of what was a high school.

"They were all carried out one at a time on stretchers. It was a terrible job, but we just

got on with it, and our only casualty was one orderly.

Saved 36 Nazis, Too

"In addition, we had thirty-six German prisoners, all badly wounded, and we moved them with the rest of the patients.

"The staff were simply marvelous—and so were the boys. As for myself, it was merely my duty."

Then she added: "It did seem strange to hear my own name on the radio."

Sister Goodwin, member of the Territorial Army Nursing Service, was assistant matron at the Women's Hospital, Liverpool, before



THE NEXT STAGE OF DEMOCRACY

The plea voiced in the recent Commons debate by several members, that the present British Parliament should justify the extension of its normal five-year life by undertaking an inquiry into the whole machinery and organisation of government has made a considerable impression.

It needs to be emphasised that the present war is not fundamentally between countries and peoples, but between parliamentary government and democracy on the one hand, and dictatorship on the other.

And apart from winning the war, democracy has to demonstrate its efficiency more convincingly than hitherto.

Describing as revolutionary the Government's decision to prolong the life of the present British Parliament without the sanction of a general election, Mr. Hore-Belisha argued that the existing truce between the major political parties was causing a decline in parliamentary vitality. He called for more enlightenment for back-benchers and more outspoken criticism from them in debate.

Prolongation of Parliament, however, offers a real opportunity.

The popular cry has been heard. "We must have no more party politics after the war."

A searchlight on events leading up to the French collapse has greatly encouraged this cry, as have the revelations of British political manoeuvring which led to Britain entering the war inadequately prepared.

But close questioning of those who cry "no more party politics" often discloses that they have no practical alternative to the party system. In fact, what they are usually attacking is the condition of party politics, or, as Canon Roger Lloyd summed it up in an article in the "Spectator", "Party politics are necessary to a true democracy provided they are healthy, and they can only be healthy when they express a true cleavage of principle which really exists in the Nation."

This view is endorsed by political observers, who point out that the fundamental views of different politicians are often only vaguely represented by the programme of the parties to which they belong—in fact there is often much more similarity between the views of certain small groups within one party and those of politicians in other parties than with those members of their own party.

This was illustrated in the case of many "young Conservatives" in years immediately preceding the outbreak of this war.

Their real place appeared to be rather in some "Liberal" or Centre Party, but none existed.

Such a situation should not be deplored, but rather welcomed, since it shows that British politicians themselves realise that far-reaching changes are going on today, extending far beyond party limits.

Political circles in Britain generally tend to support the view that democracy must be based on the party system. What alternative is there to party politics other than dictatorship? But they are mostly ready to admit that there is ample opportunity for improvements in the existing system.

"Within a nation there are always dozens of cleavages," says Canon Lloyd. "The problem is to find that cleavage which reaches right down to something very deep, and divides the people into two approximately equal groups. Then you have a party which espouses each side and then the parliamentary system has a chance to work creatively."

"Clearly the old party cleavage of greater social equality will cease to be a sufficiently effective spur to parliamentary vitality, since virtually all those elements now constituting Britain's wartime government are agreed or the absolute necessity of greater social equality.

Perhaps, therefore, the cleavage

I: VICE-ADMIRAL WOLFGANG WEGENER.

Herr von Ribbentrop has vainly attempted to persuade the world that the invasion of Norway was a defensive measure forced upon a reluctant Germany by the necessity for forestalling an Allied attack against her with the connivance of the Norwegian Government.

Imbued with the now well-standardised Nazi technique of aggression and justification, he seems completely to have ignored the fact that the idea of an occupation of Denmark and Norway had been plainly foreshadowed many years before Hitler came to power by the German Admiral Wolfgang Wegener who, unknown to the world at large, has done more than anybody else to shape the present policy of the German Navy.

Admiral Wegener had already been on the retired list for a number of years, when in 1926, he suddenly electrified the whole German naval world by a small, but exceedingly pungent memorandum of some 80 pages. In this he mercilessly exposed the fundamental errors of German naval strategy during the World War and the stupidity of the Official History's attempt to obscure the issue, so as to conceal the complete failure of Admiral von Tirpitz's policy.

The German Navy, he affirmed in this study—three years later made generally accessible by a leading German Naval and Military publishing house, under the title "Seestrategie des Weltkrieges"—had utterly failed to understand the true nature of naval war. Misled by the German traditions of land warfare, it had seen in war at sea merely a military clash between the two opposing navies and not, as it should have done, a struggle for the command of vital sea communications.

The result had been that throughout the war the German Navy had concentrated, as though hypnotised, upon the one idea of bringing the Grand Fleet to battle under favourable circumstances in the North Sea, without realising that the latter, from the point of view of control of communications, was a "strategically dead area."

The proper strategy of the German Navy would have been to utilise the second exit available through the Kattegat and Skagerrak for a flanking advance against the British position at Scapa Flow instead of rushing the Danes in a sudden panic to close and neutralise it.

"The German strategic offensive that should have liberated our fleet from painful captivity in the Heligoland Bight had therefore to be the reopening of the Belts, an understanding with Denmark about the use of her territorial waters and control of the Scandinavian trade route," wrote the Admiral.

"The next stage in the progress of our offensive would have been the occupation of the southern part of Norway, which, it is true, we should first have had to liberate from British oppression. The argument that such a war policy carrying our fleets through the Belts into the Kattegat would have been impracticable does not hold water. . . . One should not fall into the error of believing that States which, by the accident of their geographical position, have got mixed up in a world war between great powers would not of themselves have felt the most urgent necessity for negotiations as well as the desire to keep on friendly terms with so powerful a factor as Germany was at that time.

will be on international issues instead of domestic.

And this surely will be appropriate in the task of building a new European or even world order, when it is hoped lessons of the past will be applied—chiefly the need for the abolition of economic frontier limitations, and for some system of collective security which will supersede the old conception of state sovereignty which has proved so ineffective against aggression.

"It would have been an underestimate of the intelligence of the statesmen of these countries to assume that they would not have been able to understand that Germany was pressing certain demands upon them for the limited duration of the conflict only and merely under the bitter necessity of war; demands which, therefore, because not advanced in an unfriendly spirit, were well cap-

By
DR. HERBERT ROSINSKI,
Former lecturer at the German Naval Academy

able of being discussed. To offer themselves of their own account these States in their own interest were naturally not anxious, but that did not imply that they would not have been willing to enter sympathetically into negotiations."

These revolutionary proposals of Admiral Wegener aroused the German Navy as no other discussion had done before. Bitterly disputed by many of the elder men, they were hailed with enthusiasm by practically the whole of the younger generation. To these young men groping desperately for a light to guide them in the bitter task of the reconstruction of German Sea Power, Wegener's criticism came as a clarion call to another and better directed effort, while his emphasis upon the true nature of naval warfare struck them with the force of revelation. From his study, as an ardent young admirer testified a few years later, the

whole reorganisation of German naval thought took its course.

But his ideas did not acquire their full significance until the advent of the Third Reich and the beginning of German rearmament brought their realisation within reach. In the absence of any special ideas of his own on naval warfare, Adolf Hitler eagerly adopted the Admiral's bold and ruthless conceptions, so much so that his study became unofficially known in naval circles as "Hitler's naval bible."

Out of its strategic ideas there arose between 1936 and 1938 the new doctrine of the German Navy; out of its criticism of Germany's failure to utilise the Danish and Norwegian positions during the World War, the ruthless attack upon these two countries of which we were witnesses.



II COLONEL RITTER VON NIEDERMAYER

Ten years after their first publication plans for improving Germany's strategic position by the occupation of Denmark and Norway were elaborated from a different angle by Colonel Oscar Ritter von Niedermayer, the Head of the great Central Institute for Military Studies at Berlin University.

Colonel von Niedermayer owes his exceptional position amongst the leaders of the present German Army to a unique combination of scholarship, daring and political ability. A Bavarian staff officer, he first sprang into the public limelight in 1915 when he led the German Diplomatic Mission to Afghanistan, destined to invite that country against India, through the Allied lines and the deserts

Surrey Hide-out

The countryside round London isn't the haven of rest and quiet it used to be. But at least we can offer harassed Londoners more space in which to dodge the bombs. An opportunity to escape for a few hours from that feeling of being shut up in the metropolis with bombers overhead, brings visitors for the

By Peter Lyne

night to our Surrey cottage even though, judging by past experience, we are just as likely to be bombed as they are in Kensington or Maida Vale.

When we show a visitor the spare room, instead of pointing proudly to the dharma bed, we now draw attention to the copse up the lane. "There's a batch of unexploded bombs behind it," we explain. "So don't be alarmed if there's a big bang in that direction. We've been assured we are out of range of damage."

We add there was another bunch of time bombs about the same distance away on the other side of the house, but they went off yesterday. We then acquaint our visitor with the nightly routine of a rural air raid warden's post, and try to give him a rough idea of what he may hear so that even if he is awakened, his rest shall be as little disturbed as possible.

We describe how twilight is an awkward hour. Enemy planes try to sneak round to an armament factory about five miles away before searchlight beams become effective. It was in this between-light that several machines attacked our little village recently, dropping twelve bombs, demolishing a number of workmen's cottages, but miraculously causing only one minor casualty.

In this attack, incendiary bombs were also scattered in the fields and I had my first experience of putting them out. Jim, farmhand from up the road, was so excited he couldn't work the stirrup pump handle.

"Try a bit of dirt," he said as nothing but air came out of the nozzle. So we scooped earth over the sputtering lumps of white-hot magnesium, and they went out quite quickly. George

Wapshott, dashing about on a bicycle, without any illumination and balancing a fire extinguisher on his handlebars, was voted afterwards to have been almost as terrifying as the bombs.

Around 9.30 we have to admit enemy planes are usually passing over our house in more or less constant succession and there may be a good deal of noise from gunfire and bombs. Ten o'clock ought to be the visitor's bedtime, since he needs a good night's rest, but that's the time the head warden usually telephones me to look around for unexploded bombs.

At 11 o'clock the police have a habit of phoning to ask if any bombs have been located. Also, my wife may be called out at any time, complete with tin hat and A.R.P. regalia, to act as messenger, using our car.

If bombs drop while she is away complications are such, we warn our visitor, he might be called on for assistance. The dogs must be stopped barking, a quick decision made on whether to wake the four children and marshal them in the supposedly safest room—the hall. Watch must be kept outside for "incidents."

Midnight dog-exercise is an opportunity for a good look round, for another view of London fireworks, a thought for the Londoners themselves, and occasionally a reassuring chat with nearby cottage folk anxiously staying up long past their normal bedtime. Going to bed ourselves is a lingering process, protracted by a sense of duty. Thereafter our head warden calls up by phone only in an emergency. Mostly we sleep though the drone of planes, the thrump of guns, and the crash of bombs continues.

Our visitors usually sleep, too, especially if they are used to nights in shelters and the close-up boom of the London barrage. We can't any longer offer quiet broken only by the song of the nightingales, but we can offer a bed in a cottage, a hide-out in a Surrey lane far from the giant metropolises.

Most of all, we half-time Londoners can pay unbounded tribute to the wonderful courage of those who are Londoners by night as well as by day.

of Eastern Persia; earning thereby the highest German order and Knighthood, together with the nickname of "the German Lawrence."

Subsequently he opposed Col. T. E. Lawrence as chief of staff of the Turkish army operating east of the Jordan.

After the war it was he who, as A. D. C. to the minister of war Gessler, went to Moscow to establish the secret German training units within the Red Army and remained in charge of them for eight years, until, in 1932, he came to Berlin to undertake the organisation of the academic side of German rearmament.

A favourite of Marshal von Blomberg and one of the few officers to join the Nazi party in the summer of 1933, he quickly realised the immense opportunities offered by it to an adventurous disposition like his own and threw himself with all his energy into the task of championing it both in the ranks of the army and in the academic world, meanwhile developing his institute into the principal centre of German military studies.

It was this soldier-scholar-politician who, in a lecture on the "Nord und Ostsee" delivered in March, 1937, in a course of lectures on the "strategic geography of oceans" at the Institut für Meereskunde at Berlin—published in the following year under the title of "Kleine Wehrgeographie des Weltmeeres"—adopted Admiral Wegener's ideas.

The manner in which he made clear, in carefully veiled yet utterly unmistakable language, Germany's interests in and demands upon her northern neighbours and her determination to take them under her protection in time of war, constitutes a masterpiece of tongue-in-the-cheek diplomacy.

"If," he said "during the World War the possibilities of an attack carried over sea against Germany were small, in the present era of air warfare this northern front gains additional importance. Germany has therefore a vivid interest in the maintenance of the full and equal neutrality of the minor powers bordering upon these two northern seas, the free use of their territorial waters for her merchant shipping and the prevention of an extension of her defensive fronts in this direction. These states have been so long immune from attack that they do not constitute themselves a danger for us or allow somebody else to threaten us across them."

"They must however realise that questions of national existence have in the last resort to be solved by force. There is a series of strategically important positions in their possession, which in a war would constitute important objectives for a belligerent wishing to attack his opponent across them, but equally so for one merely wishing to defend himself against such an attack."

"I would like to mention here merely the South West Coast of Norway, the Danish-Swedish Narrows, Gotland and the Åland Islands. If these states wish to protect their neutrality effectively, they must take care that its infringement should appear as a real risk to an aggressor. That, however, to-day is the case only with a few amongst them and only with great qualifications. Their measures of coast defence are largely wholly inadequate."

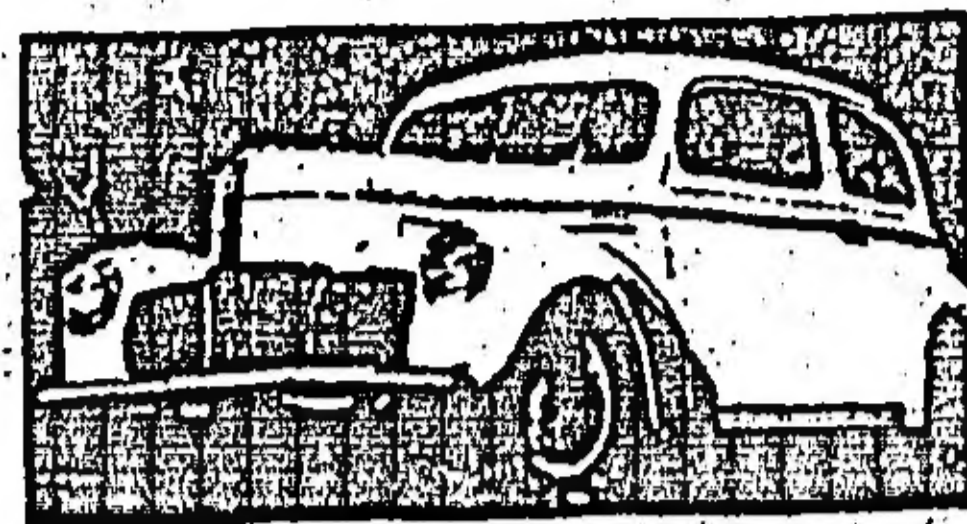
"And one more point; the political attitude of the governments and peoples concerned is of vital importance in determining a truly neutral attitude. That National Socialist Germany has reason for serious misgivings in this respect anybody who reads the Baltic and Nordic Press will realise. As for the importance of Holland's position in aerial strategy, so much has been written upon it that it is merely necessary to touch upon it here."

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BOMB STRIKES A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

(By A Special Correspondent)

EVERY BABY was found asleep in its cot after the bombing of a maternity hospital during night murder raids on London. Nurses Joan Jeffes and Joan Bentley, two of the nurses who rushed from their own wrecked quarters to help get the babies to safety, told me:

"When we got to their ward on the ground floor their blankets were sprinkled with broken glass and covered in debris. But when we managed to uncover them, every baby was asleep."

These two nurses, who had escorted the patients and babies in A.R.P. ambulances to an evacuation hospital through the night, were still wearing pyjamas, dressing-gowns and slippers as they went through London streets at midday the next day.

The nurses' home, in which they were sleeping when the bombs fell, is too dangerous to enter. Their possessions are buried in it.

Ten minutes after the bomb fell a man in pyjamas, a coat thrown over his shoulders, rushed up to the entrance.

"Are you all right, Lil?" he yelled. A woman wrapped in blankets, carrying a tiny bundle in each arm, answered: "Don't worry. I've got them both here. They're safe, dad."

These were the parents of the hospital's newly born twins.

The theatre where the youngest had been born six hours previously is wrecked. Window frames have been thrown across the table. Masonry covers the floor.

The remains of a wrecked crib lies on top of a pile of debris. A row of bottles stands intact—the only thing in that room which remains in order.

"My twins, Jimmy and Rhea, were under my bed when the bomb fell," said Mrs. Lily Hanley, whose home is near the hospital.

"I heard a tremendous explosion and covered my head with the bed clothes."

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"Even that didn't prevent me from being blinded for a moment by the dust which filled the air."

"I thought we were finished." I watched the mothers being carried on stretchers to the ambulance which was to take them to a hospital in a safer area.

They were all laughing and joking—even one whose face was badly scratched and bruised.

"Anyone would think they were going to Brighton for the day," said the driver.

"I'd just like to get my hands on Hitler for five minutes. I'd pay him for this," said Mrs. Rose Parsons.

"Two minutes would do for me," smiled another mother.

Said the hospital secretary:

"The nurses were wonderful."

The placard—"WE STAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED US"—still rests undamaged above the hospital.

A.R.P. WARDEN INSPECTION DATE CHANGE

It is announced in connection with the inspection of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens by His Excellency, The Acting Governor, that owing to unforeseen circumstances it will not be possible for His Excellency to inspect the corps on Sunday, 22nd December. The inspection will therefore take place on Saturday, 21st December 1940 at 3.30 p.m.

The Chief Air Raid Warden, Hong Kong, appeals to all employers of labour who have on their Staffs Air Raid Wardens to give them every facility for attending the parade.

SOUVENIRS WARNING

It is an offence to collect souvenirs from enemy planes brought down in Britain, Chichester magistrates warned the public.

The Chief Constable, Mr. E. W. Savage, emphasised that immediately they land these planes become the property of the Air Ministry, and no unauthorised person has any right to touch them.

William George Gough, a gardener, of Bosham, was fined £1 for stealing an oxygen cylinder from a plane which crashed and the magistrates made it known that future cases would be dealt with more severely.

The cylinder was valued at £4 5s.

Gough told a constable he thought it was an incendiary bomb, and when the constable called at his house he found the cylinder in a bucket of water in the garden.

THEY FOUND UNEXPLODED BOMB OF LAST WAR

Digging in a Rams-gate garden, where they were installing an Anderson shelter, Corporation employees stopped work abruptly when they came across an unexploded bomb.

A bomb disposal unit of the R.E.s hurried to the scene and brought to the surface a small bomb dropped in the last war.

"It was of the 25lb. type, and should have exploded on contact," said the N.C.O. in charge. "It must have been lying there for nearly twenty-five years."

ARP HEROES OF '2ND DUNKIRK'

Working in a district which has been bombed so frequently that it has become known as the "little Dunkirk" of London, five A.R.P. wardens are now the heroes of their district.

Their sector is thirty to forty streets and in a fortnight thirty-seven H.E. bombs have fallen on it.

Not a house remains undamaged. The wardens are homeless. Yet they continue their patrols.

"Last night a huge bomb blew up the last remaining houses undamaged in our sector," Mr. Clayton, Post Warden, told a reporter.

"When I arrived on the scene, less than two minutes after the explosion, I found they were already doing rescue work."

"Every one of them deserves the George Cross."

Several people were killed by this bomb.

A warden, Edward Benmore, nineteen, and his fiancée, Peggy Bartlett, seventeen, were killed when their Anderson was hit.



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BOMB KILLS 3 IN CELLAR IN NORTH-EAST

MORE THAN a hundred German 'planes took part in the widespread raids on Britain which ended in the All Clear signal in London just as dawn was breaking. Fifty 'planes, operating singly, approached London from the south and circled over the Metropolitan area. The others concentrated on a north-eastern district which they raided for several hours, dropping heavy bombs.

Three people sheltering in a cellar were killed by wreckage when a high explosive bomb hit some business premises in a north-east town. They were Mrs. Sarah Thomson, her son, Leslie, and her sister, Elizabeth Ingle.

POLISH SLAVES IN GERMANY

Poor Food And Wages

German men and women farm workers are forbidden to treat Poles as equals, eat with them at the same table, fraternise with them, or go to church with them, according to information which has reached the International Transport Workers' Federation in Britain.

A leaflet was distributed in Berlin last month, saying: "Germans, the Pole can never be your comrade. He is inferior to every German. Be just, as Germans are, but never forget that you are a member of a master people." Many of the 300,000 Polish prisoners of war employed in German agriculture have been released from captivity on condition that they remained where they were as civilian workers.

The "Polish Mark"

They must, however, wear the "Polish mark" on the right side of the breast of every article of clothing. This is a large "P" in a violetedged square. Their wages are almost as low as that of the prisoners of war.

Germans and non-Germans paid mostly in kind receive different treatment. Non-Germans in Wage District No. 1 of Danzig-West Prussia do not get even half of the allowances of cereals which the Germans get, and monthly cash wages vary from 18.5 to 27 Reichsmarks for Germans and 12 to 14 Reichsmarks for non-Germans. (Before the war 12 Reichsmarks equalled £1.)

Discrimination

German free workers, paid in kind to a small extent only, get more generous allowances than non-Germans. The latter receive neither wheat nor milk and much less of other cereals and coal. Hourly wages are also lower.

Farm workers receiving board and lodgings are also paid in cash, but non-German men get even less than German women. The wives of German farm workers are called upon to take part in work as much as possible, but for the wives of non-Germans work is compulsory. Discrimination extends to the children of non-Germans. They not only get less pay, but fewer holidays.

In Wartheland two per cent of the Poles' wages is deducted for the Labour Front, as it was felt to be unfair that the Germans had to pay contributions while the Poles were exempt merely because they were not members.

DAY'S "LEAVE" TO MAKE UP SLEEP

A day's "leave" each fortnight is to be given by some London firms to all their employees.

The plan is designed to ease the transport problem and give workers a chance to make up sleep.

Many firms are allowing their employees Saturday mornings off. The executive director of the

Air-raid warden R. F. Hobley was electrocuted in a south-east town.

He was using a stirrup pump on a fire when an electric cable burnt his hands badly. He died in hospital.

Two wardens who went out to investigate a light in the London area were injured by a whistling bomb which fell near. One had a broken arm, the other had a piece of shrapnel in his leg.

Five Nazi airmen who had been raiding London were caught after A.A. guns hit their Dornier 17. The plane fell on two bungalows, but the occupants were in shelters.

A farm hand, aged sixty-seven, was the only occupant of a farmhouse which was almost wrecked by a heavy bomb. He was unhurt.

At one time four bombers were caught by searchlights in different parts of the sky. One of them, immediately he was picked up, jettisoned all his bombs.

Plastered by anti-aircraft fire this plane went finally into a vertical dive and disappeared.

Tried To Escape - Died

A lorry driver named King was machine-gunned from the air in one town and seriously injured.

Four men were injured by bombs which fell near hutments in a field on the outskirts of a village.

Four bombs fell in a residential district of a London suburb breaking windows and blowing in doors of several houses.

Charles White, sixty, was killed when a heavy bomb struck a house, but his wife and two other occupants were dug out alive by A.R.P. squads.

White had only left the Essex coast a month ago to live in a London suburb in the hope of avoiding the ordeal of continuous air warfare.

A Midland town had its third air raid on successive nights. Waves of bombers dropped high explosive and hundreds of incendiaries. A number of fires were started.

Sang Their Way Home

Many Londoners sang themselves home to bed with the dawn after they had been caught in the City during the six-hour raid alarm.

When the raid began many people went to the shelters, but drivers of passenger vehicles, where possible, took people as near to their homes as they could.

There were still a great many people left in the West End theatres and cinemas. Some took shelter, but the others "stayed put" and joined in impromptu concerts and dances.

After an hour or two, when the novelty wore off, many people began to walk home, in the hope that the All Clear would be sounded.

Though they were footsore and tired they kept cheerful, and people going to the same districts formed themselves into parties and sang all the way home.

When the raid ended the London transport service quickly "got into gear."

Bank of England told a reporter, "We are giving those members of our staff who have been working extremely hard an odd day off."

"We are also encouraging all members of our staff—although the Bank is working overtime with short staff—to get off home early and get more sleep."

LAME DUCK TRACED BAGS 3 NAZIS LOST SON BY PHOTO

A "lame duck" Spitfire, lagging behind its fellows because of a rough running engine, scored a hat-trick against German raiders over Britain.

It shot down a Dornier 17 bomber in flames over London; Set a second Dornier 17 on fire;

Sent a Messerschmidt 109 fighter diving vertically towards the ground with smoke pouring from it;

And carried its pilot safely down to make a forced landing in Essex.

Here is the pilot's own account of his adventures: "I climbed, being left half a mile behind the rest of the squadron, and looked for a straggler. I found a Messerschmidt 109 with a white cowling. I dived down and opened fire, giving two bursts and closing in.

Dived Vertically

"After a second, the Messerschmidt turned slightly to starboard and then dived vertically with glycol or white smoke appearing.

"I followed him down to about fifteen thousand feet, a drop of four thousand feet, but he showed no signs of pulling out.

"Later I attacked the last one of a formation of enemy bombers giving a few seconds burst.

"He rolled over on his back, with flames coming from him. He dived almost vertically and I followed him down for about five thousand feet.

"I climbed up again and repeated the process on the next bomber in the line. Smoke and flames came from him. I followed him down as before and then made towards my base."

By this time the Spitfire was damaged, although its rough-running engine was still running, and the sergeant pilot brought it down safely.

Fifteen years ago Ashley Moore, fifteen-year-old son of Lieutenant-Commander Moore, R.N., left home. That was the last his father heard or saw of him until last January.

Then Commander Moore saw a photograph in the press of a group of young men being medically examined for the Army. One looked like his son.

Eventually he traced the man in the picture and found it was his son but he had to wait nine months before he could meet him.

"For a few hours my leave and his coincided and we had a little while together. When we will meet again I do not know. But I feel a deep debt of gratitude to the press for its help in tracing him.

"If I had not picked up the paper casually last January I would not have seen him," said the Commander.



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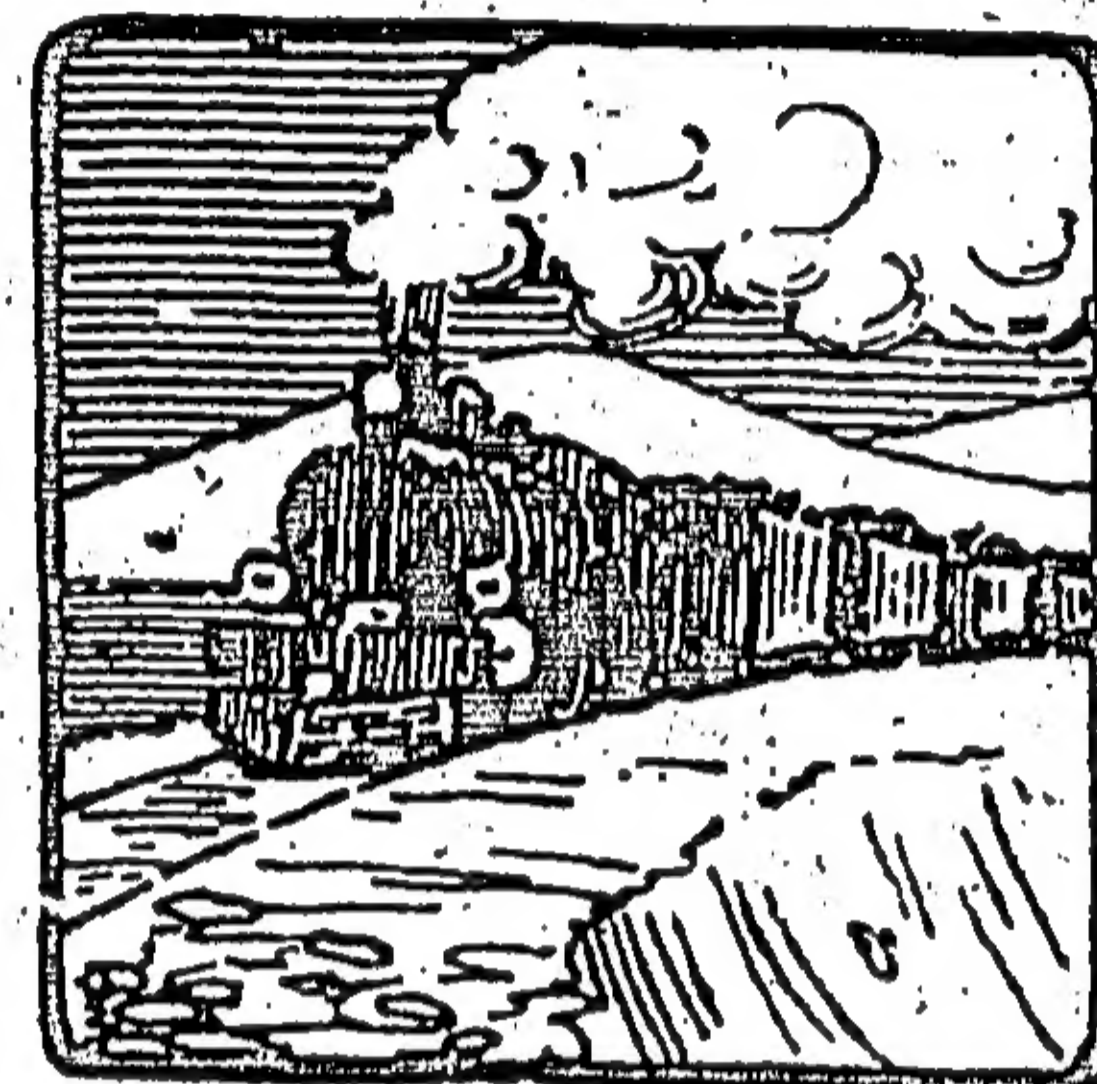
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♦ 10 8 3
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♠ K Q 8 3
♥ A Q 10 9 5 4
♦ 7 6
♣ Q

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the ten of diamonds, East overtaking with the Jack in order to make sure of continuing the suit. South ruffed the third diamond with the ten of trumps, relieved when West followed suit. Now South could afford to lose one trump — but not two. His safest play was to lay down the Ace of trumps at once — and that, to his gratification, dropped West's blank king. It was then a simple matter to enter dummy with the spade Ace to finesse through East's Jack of hearts.

Now look at the other side of the picture. Suppose South plays the hand thoughtlessly by going over to the spade Ace to make the first trump play from the dummy. The finesse of the heart Queen loses to West's King and South then regains the lead.

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♠ A Q 6 5 3
♥ 7 6 2
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♣ J 6 3 2

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1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♣	4♥	(?)	

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♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ K 4 3
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1♠	2♣	3♦	Pass
(?)			

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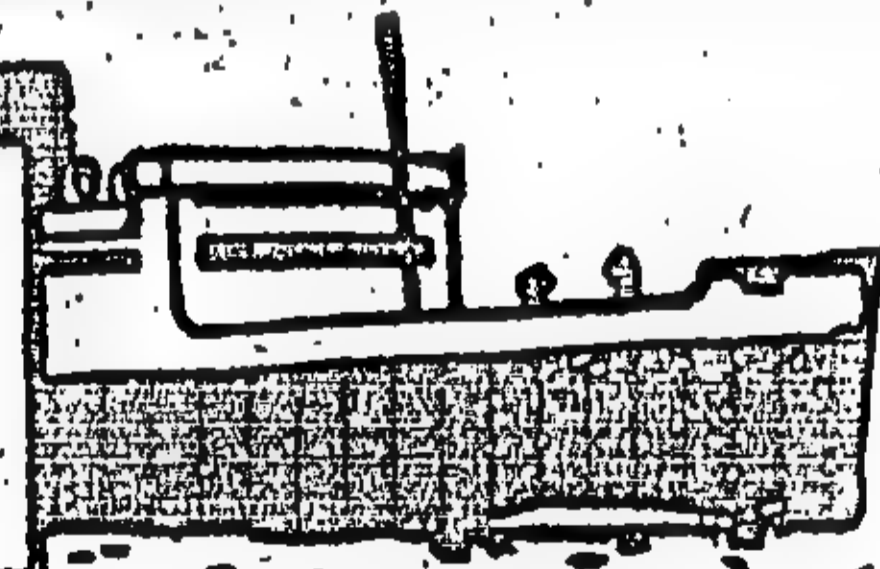
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12.30 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra and Phyllis Robins (Vocal).
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1.15 p.m.—Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 92 in G Major ("Oxford").
1st Mov: Adagio—Allegro spiritoso; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Menuetto (Allegretto) and Trio; 4th Mov: Presto...Orchestra de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire cond. by Bruno Walter.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Liberty Hall" Variety.

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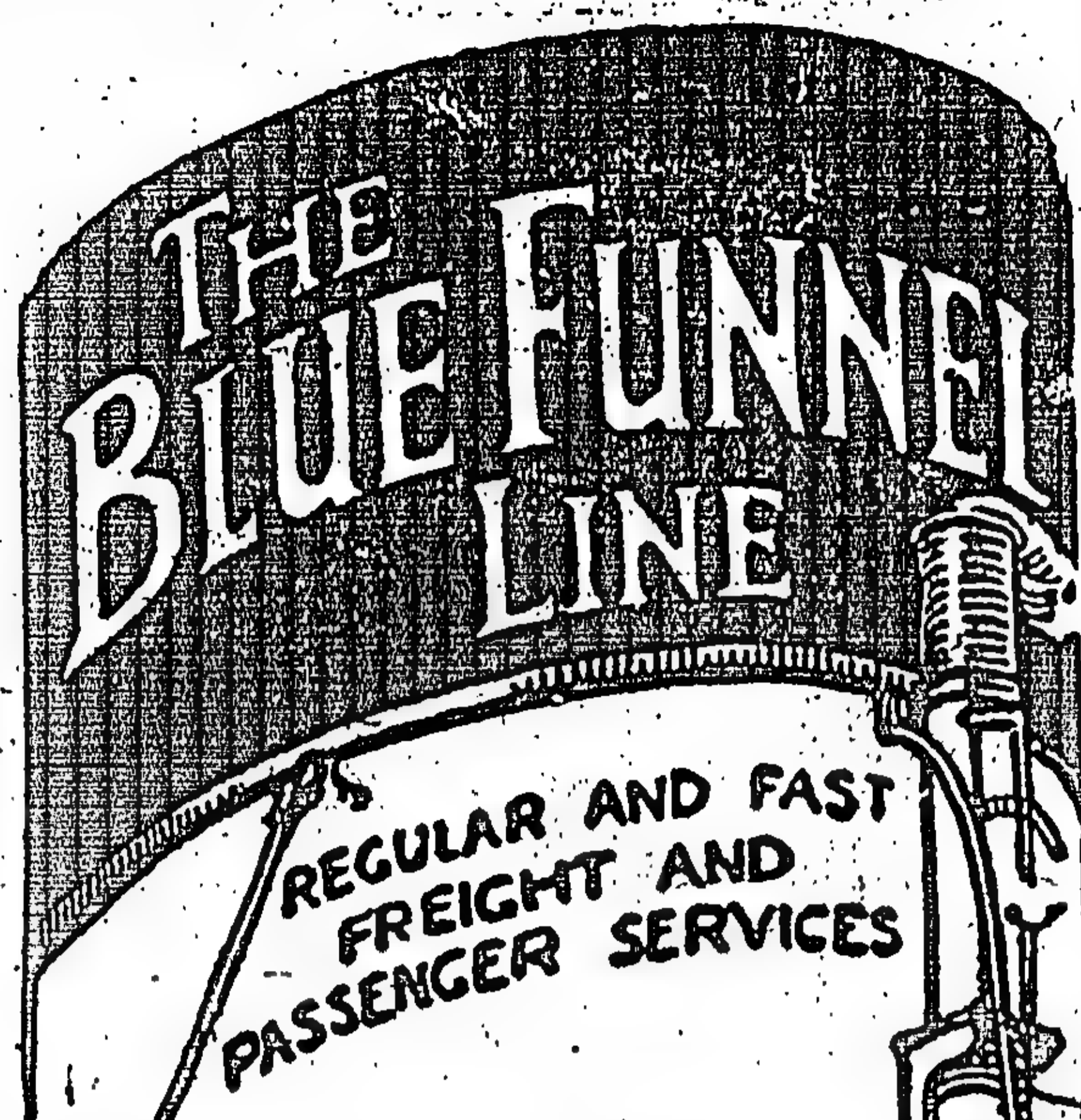
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9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "To Talk of Many Things."

9.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Mantovani and His Orchestra.

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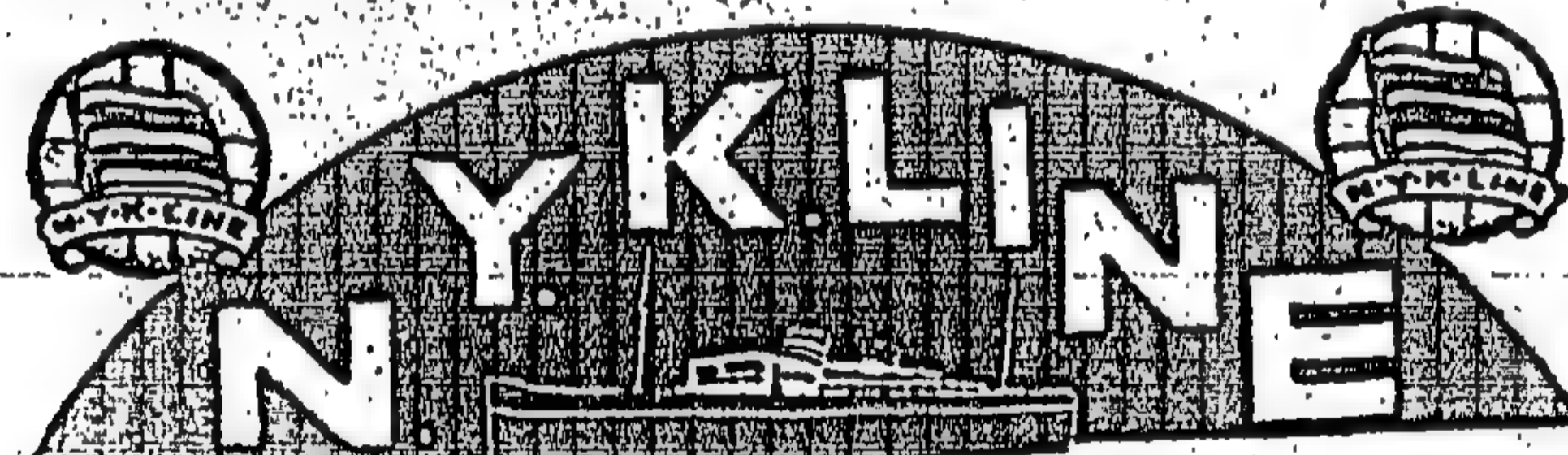
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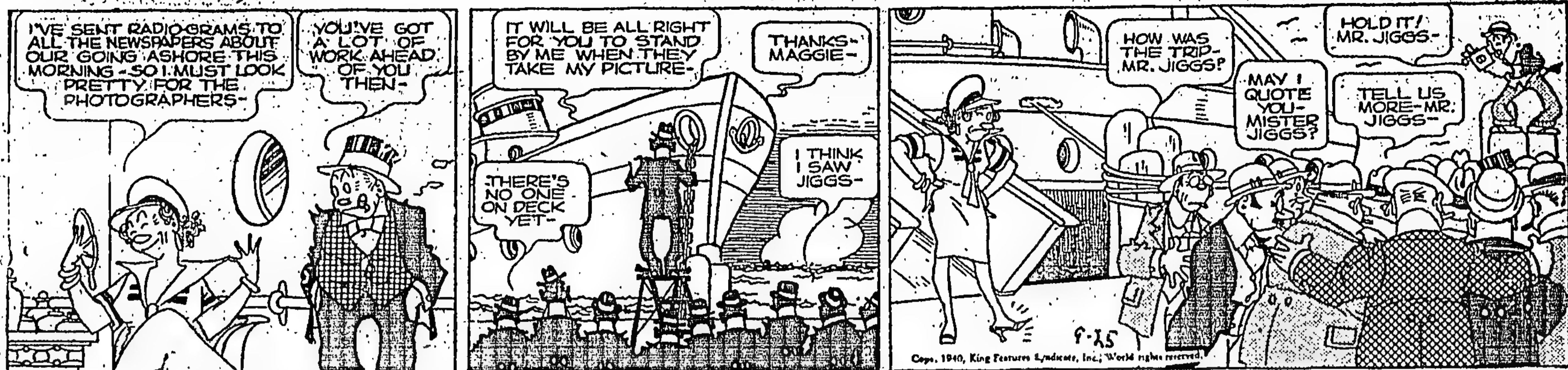
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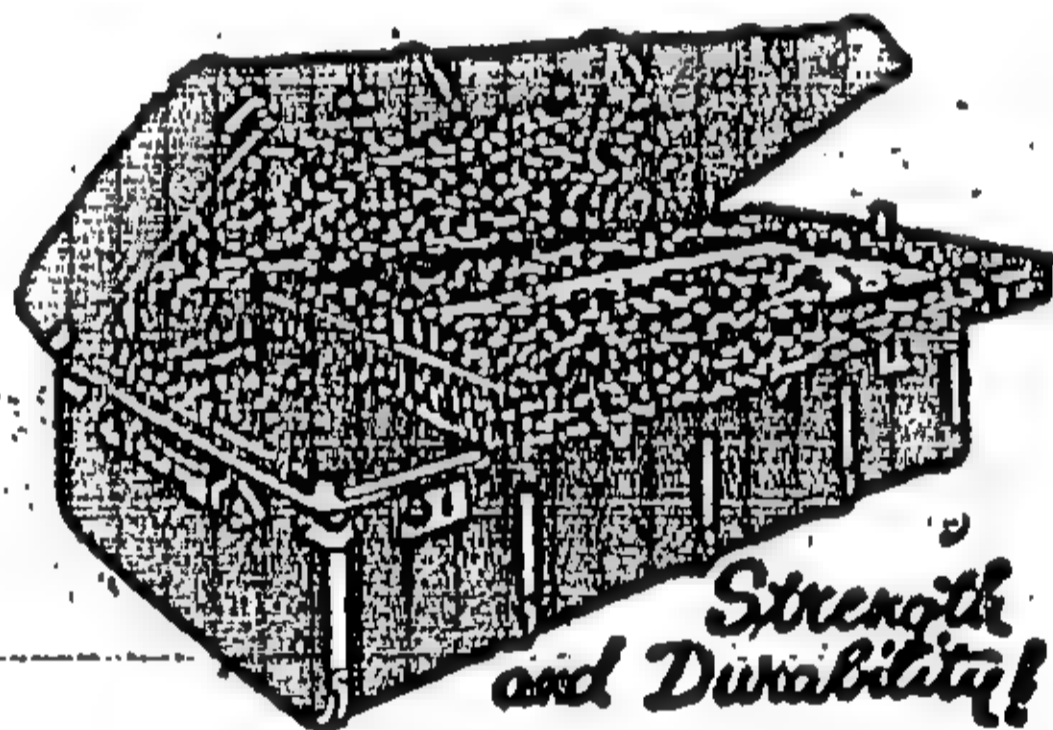
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The first of these vessels to call at Hong Kong will be the s.s. "Zoella Lykes". Temporary schedule provides for this vessel to sail from Hong Kong on January 29th, arriving at San Francisco on February 12th, at Los Angeles on February 14th and at New York on March 2nd.

This vessel will be followed by the s.s. "Reuben Tipton," which is scheduled to sail from Hong Kong on February 18th arriving at San Francisco on March 14th, at Los Angeles on March 6th and at New York on March 22nd. Although these schedules are temporary, it is expected that the sailing dates are approximately correct. These vessels will be followed by vessels of the same type with monthly sailings.

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SOFTBALL

Tommy Chan's Late Homer Gives Chinese Close Win

Ruel And Leight Also In Great Form

Saints Only Just Beat Canadians

By "Grandstand"

HIGHLIGHTED BY A homer in the last frame, which clinched the decision for the Chinese Baseballers, the formidable Hong Kong Baseballers were nosed out by 8-7, thereby losing the League leadership after holding it since their sensational win over the Recreo Aces.

Besides this last-inning four-master, by Chinese first-sacker Tommy Chan, Henry "Crooner" Ruel clouted a pair of four-baggers for the Liumen, whilst the Waggonermen replied with Lou Leight's round-tripper in the sixth. All four round trippers were made with none aboard.

In the absence of Maxie Edwards, "Screwball" Jones toed the rubber for the Mohawk tribe, but it was not the same Jones that had the Indians tamed last week, as he was connected for 11 safeties, of which three were homers, but conceded only one pass without any strikeouts.

Ruel's three in four trips to the plate, just about won the ball game for the Liumen. Tuffy Chinn, working on the slab for the Chinese Baseballers, yielded two singles, fanned one, but passed two, and was relieved in the beginning of the second by George White, after stopping Lou Leight's mile-a-second bullet liner which nearly blasted his left eye out! The swiftness of the ball can be gauged by the fact that it smacked Chinn and bounced right across first base before anybody knew what happened. Toiling on the mound for the rest of the game, White won his first pitching assignment, conceding seven blows, of which five were bunched up in the sixth for four Waggoner markers, and handed out no less than five free tickets to first. Six Liumen were left stranded on the bases compared to the eight Waggonermen who died on the sacks.

First Blood

The Chinese Baseballers drew first blood in the initial frame when "Crooner" Ruel homered after two down. In the Hong Kong Baseballers' half of the innings, Reardon, Hearther and Fitch choked the sacks on a fielder's choice, a hit and a walk to threaten with one out. Jones dump forced Reardon at the home-plate for the second era-sure, whilst Frank Crews grounded out to first to end the uprising.

In spite of the fact that they had ducks in the pond in the sec-

ond stanza, the Chinese Baseballers were blanked; Joe Fisher and Howard Lee failing to come through with a safety.

Taking advantage of two wild Chinese heaves, the Mohawks scored three times with a hit in the third to take the lead, but the Chinese produced two tallies in the third to knot the count. In the fourth, both sides were redired in one, two, three order, but Ruel's second four-bagger of the day in the fifth broke the tie.

Fireworks

The fireworks started in the sixth, when the Chinese dented the counting station with a splurge of three runs, the first on Wally Ching's sacrifice to deep centre, whilst left-fielder Hank Sperry's first fumble of the season, after two were out cost the Hong Kong Baseballers two expensive runs.

Staging a late rally, the Waggonermen nicked White for five blows, scoring four times to knot the count once more.

Coming into the last semester, Earl Wong fled out to Fitch.

Excitement was reaching fever pitch when Tommy Chan next at bat, socked Jones' floater right on the nose. Gardener Sperry was still looking for the ball out in the road when Chan romped over the plate with the winning run.

In the Hong Kong Baseballers last time with the stick, mentor Chuck Waggoner pinched run for Doc Molthen, who singled to centre to put the tying run on base with two down, but Joe Morris fled out for the game to end.

Saints' Narrow Win

In the other Senior League tilt, fielding a scratch nine, the Saints secured a narrow victory over the Canadians. Both sides booted four times, but the Saints out-hit the Canucks to take the 5-2 decision. Geegee Leo, hurling for the Maple Leafs, although conceding seven safeties showed pretty good form and adopted the strategy of depending on his fielders; he was guilty of one wild pitch. Lee fanned one, when he fooled Dave Leonard, the great Bambino, with his nothing ball. Manson on the slab for the Collegians also whiffed one, issued no walks, and only yielded four scattered blows.

Bill Ing and Cruz both batted safely twice in their three trips to take batting honours for the frocas.

The Saints opened the score first with five runs on five hits, whilst three errors in the third gave the Maple Leafs their only two runs. A peculiar feature of the game was that all the runs for both sides were scored in one inning, a string of goose eggs decorating the score-board for the other chapters.

Canuck Johnny Delgado created the surprise of the game by clamping his hands on all the four flies that came his way in the centre patch.

RECORD SET BY LILY SEQUEIRA!

By "Grandstand"

In the opener of the Ladies' League the Wildcats had an easy time handing out a 29-3 defeat to the Chung Hwa lassies. Thelma Collaco, chucking for the Untamed Felines, was in top form and pitched the first no-hitter of the season, having the Chung Hwa squad eating out of her hands. She fanned four but issued three free tickets to first.

Ella Chinn, on the mound for the losers, walked four but struck out none. Two-baggers were clouted by Irene "Slugger" Pereira and Mary Mar, whilst Nor's Mar banged out a triple for the longest hit of the game.

A Massacre

The Cardinals massacred the Little Flowers 42-6 in spite of the fact that all the reserves were thrown into the game. Hurler Efigina Babida was in her usual good form, fanning two and walking two Florinhas, whilst Lily Silva, on the slab for the Florinhas, had little support from her team-mates, who booted 25 fielding chances, of which short-stop Lily Sequeira was responsible for 11 to smash all existing records for errors by any one player.

V. Rozario relieved Lily Silva in the later stages of the game and between them they walked four, the only strikeout being by Silva.

Of the 21 blows collected by the Redbirds, Kitty Bush was good for five in her three trips, whilst Faladona and June Hall both batted safely four times in seven. Doubles were made by Bush, Faladona, Hall and Babida, but Florinha Socorro Sequeira banged the only triple of the tilt.

Slugging Spree

The Canadian Chinese overwhelmed the Baby Panthers by 11-3 in a slugging spree in which the Maple Leafs connected Lelia Xavier, Pantherette hurler, for 11 safeties, including Alice Mar and Ulian Khoo's ruthian wallops with none on the sacks on both occasions.

Playing almost errorless ball, the Canuckettes returned to their pennant-winning form of last season, hurler Mary Ng pitching a two-hitter, fanning six, but letting two Panthers get to first on balls.

The Baby Panthers started well enough, Norma Silva's homer in the first scoring Hilda Soares ahead of her, but a double-killing soon dampened their enthusiasm.

With the exception of the third inning, in which the Panthers scored one more run on a hit and an error, they were shut out in one, two, three-order for the rest of the game.

Batting honours go to Ulian Khoo, who made good four times in five, whilst Alice Mar and Rene Yuen also batted safe three in five.

FANS WANT UMPIRE REINSTATED

Muskegon fans have launched a movement to have the Michigan State League reinstate Umpire Bob Williams, who was fired after an altercation with Burleigh Grimes. Judge Landis fined the circuit \$500 for firing Williams.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

Ladies' League

	Games	W.	L.	Pct.
Canadian Chinese	6	0	0	1.000
Wildcats	5	0	0	1.000
Wahoos	4	2	2	.667
Baby Panthers	4	3	1	.750
Cardinals	3	3	0	.500
Recreo Ramblerettes	2	4	0	.333
Chung Hwa	0	6	0	.000
Little Flowers	0	6	0	.000

Senior League

St. Joseph's	5	1	.833
H.K. Baseballers	5	2	.714
Cyclones	4	2	.667
Chinese Baseballers	3	2	.600
Recreo Aces	2	2	.500
Indians	2	3	.400
Filipinos	1	4	.200
Canadian Chinese	0	6	.000

Junior League

Chung Hwa	3	0	1.000
Recreo Aces	4	1	.800
Cosmos	3	1	.750
R.A.F.	3	1	.750
R.C.C.	2	1	.667
Liga Portuguesa	2	2	.500
Royal Scots	2	2	.500
South China	1	1	.500
Central British	1	4	.200
8th R.A.	1	5	.167
Royal Engineers	0	4	.000

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AROMIN'S CHALLENGE TO COLLINS

The Sports Editor, "China Mail"

Sir, I have been approached by a promoter who asked if I was prepared to stake my feather and bantam weight titles against Len Collins should he, the promoter, be able to arrange the fight.

There is nothing I would like better than to meet Collins in the ring, over 15 three-minute rounds. I would suggest that a percentage of the gate receipts be devoted to the Bomber Fund, and as I understand Collins is also looking for a real honest-to-goodness fight and I hope he will be prepared to take me on the same terms, that is, winner takes all.

Now Collins, how about it?

"Young" Aromin

CRAIGENGOWER SELECTIONS

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. in a friendly cricket match against Kowloon C.C. on Saturday at the latter ground at 2 p.m.

G. Souza (Capt.), A. M. Omar, J. W. Leonard, B. J. Billimoria, A. J. Hulse, E. A. Lee, A. B. Hamson, B. I. Iranee, W. Hong Sling, J. Youngsaye and A. H. Esmail. Reserves—S. Leonard, O. M. Omar and U. H. Esmail.

Sunday's Gamle

The following will represent Craigengower on Sunday against the Royal Engineers at Sookun-poo, commencing at 11 a.m.

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SPECTATORS FORCED TO WAIT

A football yarn out of England: Fifteen thousand soccer followers were forced to wait impatiently at a recent football game which had been rudely interrupted by air-raid alarms.

SHELLS TROUNCE TEXACANS

By "Grandstand"

In the inter-hong "battle of the Oilers," the Shells shellacked the Texacans by 20-4, after indulging in a slug-fest, in which hurlers Lessan and Pereira were nicked for 21 safeties, which included Huckjai Kitchell's and Georgie Guterres' four bagger.

Henry "Tubby" de Sa and Wabby Wahab were good for triples, whilst Hal Winglee and Bimby Ablong were also good for a double apiece. Thompson's three-bagger off Winglee, who took over mound duties from Bimby Ablong in the fifth, was the only extra-base clout for the Texacans. The only double-killing of the fray was when Kitchell snared Lefevre's line-drive over second to toss Davis out at first. Two splurges of runs, totalling 14 for the first two stanzas, salted away the game away for the Shellsters, after which they just went through the movements to garner five more runs.

The first Texaco score came in the third on two successive hits by Charlie Ng Chun-wah and Steve Ozorio. In the sixth, Thompson dented the counting station once more on Larry Lawrence's timely single to short centre.

Lacas Win

In the other tilt, the Lacas trounced the Green Spots by 8-3, after being held scoreless for the first two innings. A. B. Hassan toed the rubber for the Orange Squashers, but was connected freely.

The Green Spots were without the services of Stan Leonard, whose hitting was badly missed, while A. K. Omar's fielding would have been more effective had he not indulged in too much grandstand!

Nazarin on the mound for the Lacas was well supported by his mates, limiting the opposition to only three hard earned runs.

GUNNERS' FIRST WIN

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior circuit, the 8th R.A. provided the upset of the week by shading the Central Britishers 7-6 and gaining their first points to climb out of the cellar, which is now occupied by the Sappers.

Drabby Payne homered for the Artillerymen whilst the Gunners' battery of MacLean and Butler proved too good for the Central Britishers.

In the other game, the Victorians climbed three storeys in the League standing by downing the Sappers with a scratch team. Jock Brown pitched for the winners.

GOLF

CAPTAIN'S CUP DRAW

The following is the draw for the Captain's Cup competition, match play stages, of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

First round matches must be completed on or before December 20; second round January 19, 1941 third round February 9; semi-finals March 2; and final March 16.

Bye in's second round—M. L. Reidy (17) v T. Megarry (9); A. W. Bourne (9) v W. S. Hillier (10); W. W. C. Shewan (8) v T. Low (12); J. Linaker (15).

First Round—A. J. Dennis (10) v S. L. Lloyd (10); K. S. Robertson (6) v G. Thomerson (20); A. B. Purves (10) v H. A. Mills (17).

Bye into second round—J. W. Clague (16) v F. A. Howard (17); A. H. McBride (12) v H. Overy (18); G. M. Park (7) v F. C. Young (14).

Jack Clement, ice-hockey star at Harvard, who was reported killed at Amiens where he was a member of an American ambulance unit, and awarded the Croix de Guerre, "posthumously," has gone on to Switzerland for a job with the International Red Cross.



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BADMINTON LEAGUE OPENING

Four "B" Division Matches Down For Decision

K'loon Tong's Form Will Be Watched With Great Interest

By "Adrem"

THE ONLY "A" DIVISION MATCH DOWN FOR DECISION ON MONDAY HAVING BEEN POSTPONED ON THE INSTIGATION OF RECREIO, WHO HAD MOST OF THEIR PLAYERS AT CAMP, THE BADMINTON LEAGUE SEASON OF 1940/1 STARTS OFFICIALLY TO-DAY WITH A PROGRAMME OF TWO MATCHES IN EITHER SECTION OF "B" DIVISION.

I cannot see any fixture providing fare likely to be very inspiring except for Recreio's match with Chung Wah, which should be very interesting.

I have the Recreio line-up and I must say it does not look nearly as impressive as I expected it to be. E. A. R. Alves, who was in Swatow last year, is back again and with P. A. Yvanovich, Jr., whom I believe, has improved quite a lot, will probably constitute the Portuguese first string. Veteran A. E. Xavier will be partnered by jockey Paul Botelho, whom I have not seen in action. I understand that although he is very fast he is not very experienced. R. M. Soares and A. E. Noronha should do fairly well although until they have been seen in match-play their current form will be hard to estimate.

W. C. Choy Not Playing

Chung Wah will not after all have the services of W. C. Choy, former St. Andrew's player, and on his day one of the best in the Colony. It appears that Choy, like so many others, has acquired a taste for roller-skating which has claimed him for a victim—he has strained his back and will not be able to turn out for some time.

I have not been able to secure the line-up of the team but from the players selected a pretty formidable combination should be got together.

This match will be played at Recreio, as Chung Wah have not a court of their own, and will start at 6.30.

E. Zimmern For K.C.C.

The K.C.C. team, as originally selected, looked fairly useful but Camp has affected them in that Ernie Zimmern, who, although not very well known to League badminton, is a player of some experience. He was due to partner J. L. Anderson and should do well in subsequent matches.

A. L. Fisher, the K.C.C. captain, had not found a substitute yesterday morning as Zulauf, another possible player, is suffering from tennis elbow and there is not much talent available, these players excepting.

The first K.C.C. pair will be A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, who met with some success last season and should now be ripe to reap the benefit of the experience then gained.

Third pair will be A. E. P. Guest, another former St. Andrew's player, and H. S. Jones, who was coming along nicely towards the end of last season.

Unless Police have some dark horses they should not beat the better-balanced K.C.C. team, notwithstanding the fact that W. Gilles, the Colony junior champion, will be playing.

Prospective Champions

Kowloon Tong's appearance against St. Andrew's will be watched with interest as they are expected to have a big say in the current championship.

Frank Kwok, formerly of St. John's, will pair off with Richard Lee, and the latter's aggression, combined with Kwok's powers of recovery and vast experience should make this combination an exceedingly difficult one to beat.

The old St. Teresa's partnership of Peter Lo and Joseph Tsang will comprise the second string and they should always be good for a couple of games at least. The third pair, has been given to me

as the Chan brothers. There is a possibility that they are the newcomers from Malaya I have heard so much about recently or again they may be Francis Tsang and John Chen, who also played for St. Teresa's last year.

St. Andrew's will sadly miss Gilles, whose absence will split up what was fast becoming the strongest combination in the club—his partnership with Brown. They will again have to rely upon the old firm of Fincher and Kew and I am confident that this pair will not fail for want of trying.

V.R.C. had not decided on their line-up yesterday afternoon but whoever they produce I still cannot see them beating King's College, who have all their old players with the addition of K. J. Attwell, the Civil Service cricketer, who is on the staff at the College. Attwell tells me he has not played for some time but the experience which he should gain in these opening matches should stand him in good stead later on.

Programme And Teams

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

"A" SECTION
V. R. C. v. King's College
Chung Wah v. Recreio

"B" SECTION
K. C. C. v. Police
Kowloon Tong v. St. Andrew's
Recreio v. E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich Jr. v. A. E. Xavier and P. Botelho; R. M. Soares and A. E. Noronha.

St. Andrew's v. E. Fincher and H. Kew; A. E. Brown and M. Davies; A. S. Bliss and V. R. J. Morrett.
Kowloon Tong v. Frank Kwok and Richard Lee; Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; Chan Brothers.

Police v. A. R. S. Major and W. Gilles; J. MacDonald and J. Gordon; H. Dinsdale and C. Y. Siu.
Chung Wah v. From W. H. Choy, P. C. Leung, C. F. Chiu, S. F. Lee, S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu.

K.C.C. v. A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; J. L. Anderson and S. O. Elise; A. E. P. Guest and F. J. Jones.

King's College v. S. P. Chan and K. L. Lui; W. C. Chung and K. J. Attwell; K. H. Lo and P. Lam.

SAPPERS' INJURIES

Royal Engineers, who found it necessary to make several changes last week in their game against Navy owing to injuries, are still uncertain of their team against Kowloon on Saturday.

Palmer, their right back, and Chan Kum-poy, inside right, are still on the injured list and it is probable that they will not be available on Saturday. T. Jones will then play in place of Palmer and N. Jones will take up the centre-forward berth, with Fox, their regular leader, at inside right.

In spite of any changes, Sappers should have little difficulty against Kowloon.

Following have been chosen to represent Royal Engineers against Kowloon on Kowloon ground on Saturday: Moxham; T. Jones or A. N. Other and Tang Chung Pak; Birrell, Shaw, Taylor; Li Wah Lam, N. Jones or A. N. Other, Fox, Elham and Chung.

ARMY RUGBY CHANGES

Following will represent Army against Navy in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament on the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, on Saturday next at 4 p.m.:—L/c. Picton, R.E.'s; Sgt. Richards, R.A., Capt. Douglass, R.S., Capt. Hook, R.A. (Capt.) and Pte. McDonald, R.A. M.C.; Lt. Coombes, R.A.M.C. and 2/Lt. Wedderburn, R.A.; Cpl. Sutherland, R.S., 2/Lt. Ford, R.S., 2/Lt. Bompas, R.A.; 2/Lt. Millar, R.S., 2/Lt. Heath, R.A.; 2/Lt. Pinkerton, R.S., Capt. Duke, R.S. and Cpl. Gillam, 1/Mx.

Reserves:—Capt. Barclay, R.A. M.C., L/c. Foley, R.E.'s, and Pte. Berry, 1/Mx.

There will be a training practice for all the above at Happy Valley at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

There are several interesting changes: Barclay has been displaced by Picton, who has been replaced by Richards, Douglass is back in the centre and will have Hook alongside him—Coombes is now fly-half—and McDonald, retains his place on the wing in the absence of Marsh. Heath is again in the second row of the pack in place of the injured Cuthbertson.

It is a very strong team in comparison with last Saturday's side which beat Police, but I do not much like the fly-half experiment. Picton has at long last received his opportunity at full-back, and I don't think he will fail.

Navy Team

Lieut. Morahan; S/Lieut. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Paul, A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden; Mid. O'Riordan; Lt. Rutherford; L. S. A. Palmer, Lt. Watson (Capt.), Sergeant Manfield, C.P.O. Wtr. King, F/Lt. Taylor, A. B. Longmuir, S/Lt. Beattie, S/Lt. Poole.

Reserves:—S/Lieut. Kennedy, Cdt. Lambie, S/Lt. Winter, Lt. (E) Brown, L. A. C. Stockham. The back division is unchanged, but Manfield is in the front row in place of Longmuir, who has gone to Brown. Beattie has gone to the middle of the back row, and King and Taylor now form the second row.

Winter deserved a game on his form last Saturday, but there is still time for him to earn his place as this Saturday's game concludes only the First Round of the Tournament.

SAPPERS' RUGBY XV FOR TO-DAY

Picton, who was unable to turn out for Engineers yesterday in the Army Small Units Rugby League as he was barred, having played for Army, will be playing this afternoon against Club. He will probably take the place of Jones.

Following is Engineer team:—Ottaway; Picton, Martin, Rees and Moore; Picton or Jones and Foley; Davis, Taylor, Sheldrake, Ellesley, Cunningham, Appleby, Wilcox and Killen.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Service Corps meet Ordnance at Sookunpoo this afternoon at 4 p.m. in Second Division of Hong Kong Football League.

In their first meeting last week, Service Corps won by 5 clear goals in a game which was featured by the brilliant goal-keeping of Reynolds of Ordnance.

The Royal Navy will meet South China in a friendly football game at Causeway Bay at 4.30 p.m. to-day. The following will represent the Navy:—

Robinson; Roughly, Britt, Honeywell, Croft, Hawkins; Philipson, Le Page, Hendy, Birch Barber.

To-morrow, a Navy side will meet a team from one of H.M. warships on the same ground at the same time.

RUGBY

SAPPERS' EASY WIN IN ARMY LEAGUE

ROYAL ENGINEERS WON the sectional championship of the Army Small Units Rugby League when at Sookunpoo yesterday they beat Medicals by two goals and three tries (19 points) to two tries (6 points) after leading at the interval by 5—0.

The standard of Rugby was not high and Sappers had the better forwards, while in the defence Birrell, Martin and Foley were outstanding. Jones at back kicked well and was sure in his handling.

Engineers opened the scoring late in the first half when Foley scored a try which Birrell converted.

Sappers went further ahead a few minutes after the re-start when Birrell broke through to register another try and had no difficulty in converting.

Sheldrake, Foley and Birrell scored the other tries and Sappers were leading by 16-nil before Medicals reduced the lead through Scriven and again through Coombes. Both tries were not converted.

Royal Engineers:—Ottaway; Birrell, Martin, Rees and Moore; Jones and Foley; Davis, Taylor, Sheldrake, Ellesley, Cunningham, Appleby, Wilcox and Killen.

Medicals:—Morgan; Whybro, Pratt, Bartley and Coombes; MacDonald and Scriven; Milne, Wrigglesworth, Chandler, Fennell, Collins, Mohan, Edge and J. van Milligan.

The draws for the Shield and International Charity Cup competitions will be made at the monthly meeting of Hong Kong Football Association this afternoon at 5.30 p.m.

Correspondence from the Shanghai Macao, and Burma Football Associations in respect of Interports, will also be dealt with.

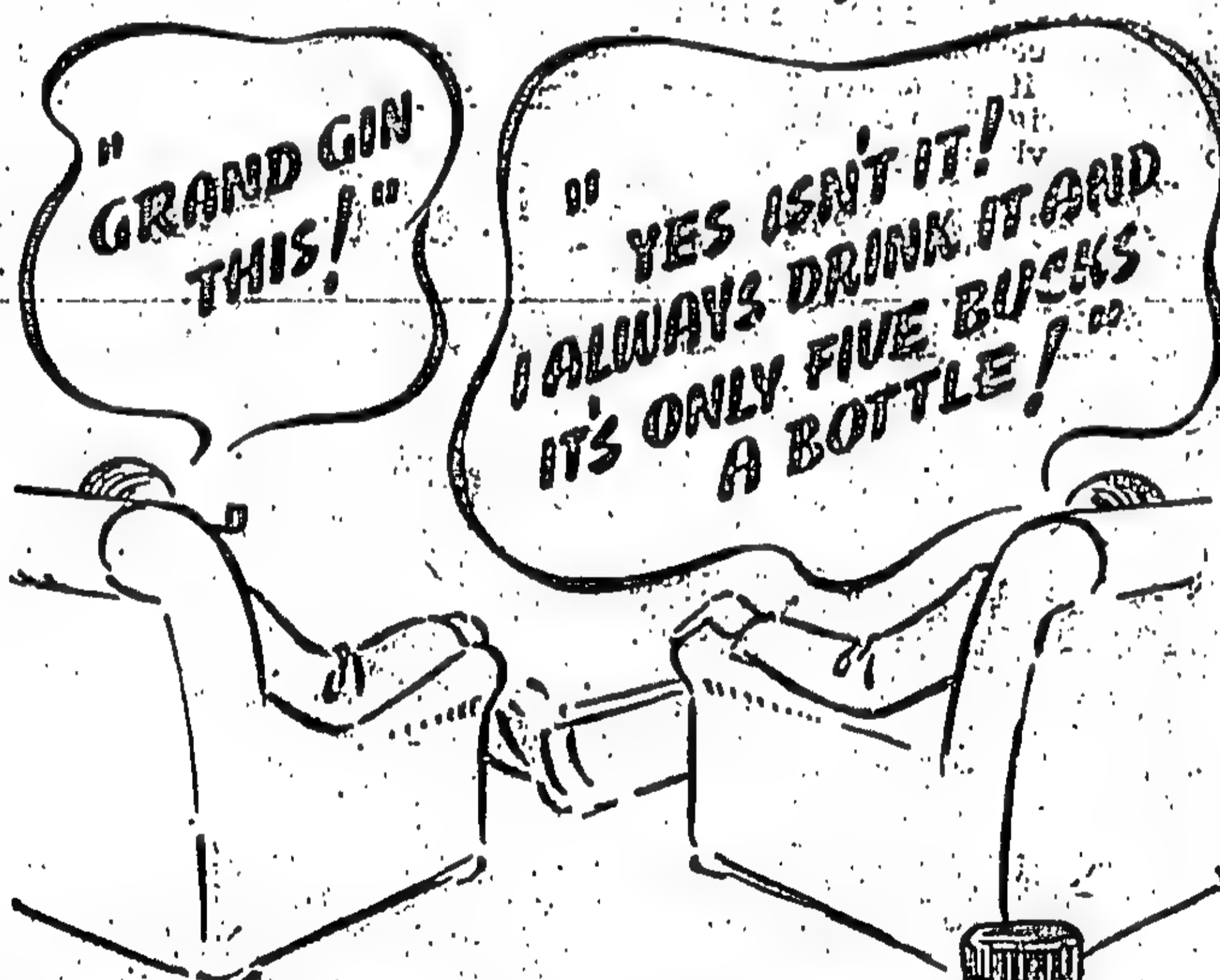
ARMY BILLIARDS, SNOOKER

The following are the last fifteen and seventeen in the Individual Billiards and Snooker Championships respectively:—

Billiards Championship:—Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.; Sgt. Brakenbury, R. Sigs, S/S. Carden, R.A. P.C.; Pte. Gordon, 2/R. Scots, *Sgt. Hamlin, R.A.S.C.; Sgt. Wyre, R.A.M.C., Bsm. Rawlings, 12th H. Bty, R.A., Sgt. Whitton C. M. Police, Sqms. Wood, R.A.S.C., Pte. Haig, R.A.S.C., Tsm. Mills, 36th H. Bty, R.A., L/C. Willis, C. M. Police, L/C. Fowler, 2/R. Scots, Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C., Sgt. Murphy, R.A.S.C.

* Bye into 4th Round.

Snooker Championship:—Bsm. Scragg, 7th H.A.A. Bty., R.A. Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C. Cpl. Dunear, 2/R. Scots, Lt. Dixon, R.A.M.C. Sqms. Wood, R.A.S.C.; Pte. Whelan, 2/R. Scots, Pte. Jenkins, 2/R. Scots, L/C. Willis, C. M. Police, L/C. Thompson, R.E., Pte. Gordon, 2/R. Scots, Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C., Ssm. Spiers, R.A.P.C., Ptp. Milne, 2/R. Scots, Pte. Myles, 2/R. Scots, L/C. Saunders, R.A.O.C., Cpl. Copsey, R. Signals or Pte. Corchran, 2/R. Scots.



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British Triumph In Aerial Photography Needs of War

NAZI AIRMEN LAY OFF

A few enemy aircraft approached the British coast singly during yesterday, some of which penetrated into east Kent. Reports received indicate, says an Air Ministry communique, that only two bombs were dropped, causing little damage and no casualties.—Reuter.

EMIR NOW HON. AIR COMMODORE

AN EASTERN RULER WHO IS A WARM SUPPORTER OF THE BRITISH CAUSE HAS BEEN APPOINTED HONORARY AIR COMMODORE. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE "LONDON GAZETTE" LAST NIGHT.

He is the Emir Abdullah of Trans-Jordan.

Immediately on the outbreak of war the Emir telegraphed King George announcing his support, loyalty and sympathy. He is reported in recent interviews as having stated that if Trans-Jordania were involved the Arabs would rise as one man against the invader.—Reuter.

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

A MAJOR BRITISH triumph in wartime aerial photography, by which Germany is successfully spied upon from the sub-stratosphere, was announced in London yesterday by a senior officer of the R.A.F. Directorship of Photography.

Furthermore, this authority remarked, "we are well ahead of the Germans. I don't just think so—I know."

Cameras captured from German reconnaissance aircraft have convinced his department that Britain has nothing to learn from German manufacturers, even the producers of the famous Zeiss lenses.

German cameras are regarded as big and clumsy compared with the neat and compact British units, the lenses are definitely inferior and the results obtained not so good.

Streets Ahead

It was also stated that the R.A.F. is "streets ahead" of the Luftwaffe in the important matter of mounting these cameras to stand the severe strain of operational flights.

A new series of war photographs will shortly be released which will re-emphasise the advances made.

Photo planes have been driven up to 25,000 feet and over to get pictures of enemy dispositions and bomb damage. This has introduced a multitude of new technical problems. To achieve clear definition of targets, complicated by high speed, aircraft must fly to escape interception and, if possible, detection.

Some Of Problems

Necessary developments affected are, inter alia, the size of the camera, length of focus, freezing of parts at high altitudes and condensation of the obscuring sight of the lenses.

The difficulties have been overcome by the R.A.F. more skilfully than by the Luftwaffe.

Two of the largest photographic firms in Britain are cooperating with the Air Ministry in helping the R.A.F. maintain the lead.

Perfection of aerial night photography is being actively pursued. The R.A.F. have what they consider a first class flash bomb already in use, so that although the release of an American type to Britain is welcome, it should not be considered unique.—Reuter.

ITALIAN DIVISIONS CUT OFF

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The difficulties of such a campaign can readily be imagined.

Supply Problem

Troops cannot replenish supplies from orchards, grain stores, cattle and waterworks in captured territory, for the desert yields nothing of all these.

Every drop of water and every scrap of food must be carried by the forces on the move.

The problems of desert warfare were well illustrated by the operations undertaken by the Italians when they advanced into Egypt earlier this year.

Well equipped, they were able to advance rapidly as far as Sidi Barrani, but then their momentum was absorbed by the sands of the desert.

Official Communique

The operations in the Western Desert are successfully continuing, states a communique issued by General Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

Prisoners so far captured are reported to exceed 4,000 and a number of medium tanks.

In the Gallabat area patrolling activity supported by our artillery fire, continues.

Perimeter Camps

The Italian troops in Egypt are occupying an area extending from Sollum to Sidi Barrani, bounded on the north by the sea and extending from 20 to 25 miles to the south, it was stated in authoritative military circles in London yesterday.

Inside this quadrilateral they are holding a number of perimeter camps which are strongly defended and fortified and provided with anti-tank and A.A. guns.

It appears the British forces hitherto have attacked two of these camps with considerable success.

British Troops In

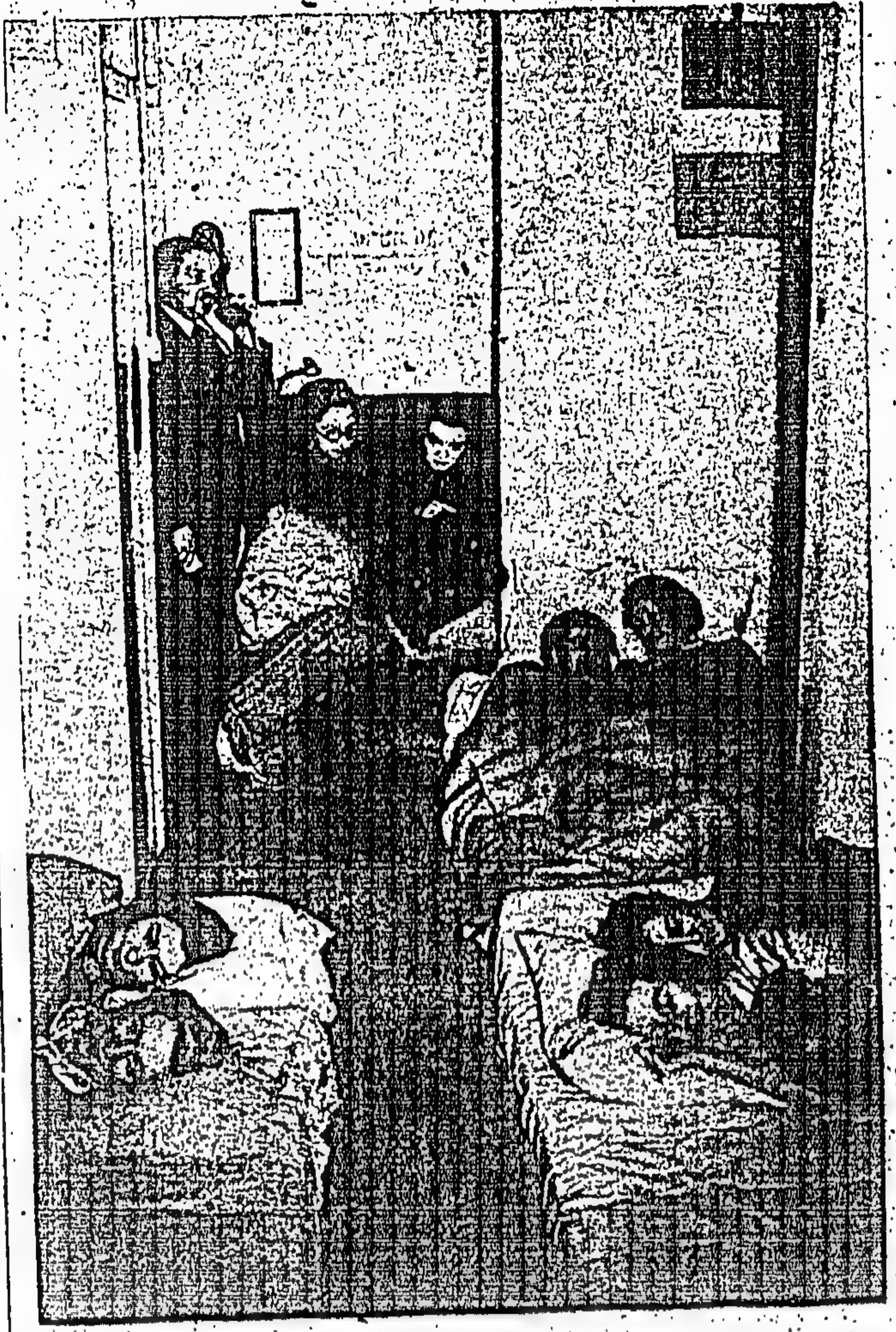
It cannot at the moment be said for certain that the Italians have been entirely driven out of these camps but what undoubtedly is true is that the British forces are in them or in at least part of them.

It is probable that these camps are mainly occupied by Italian native troops.

It is known there are two Libyan divisions in the area and presumably these are the divisions being engaged at the moment.

SECRET DEBATE ON SHIPPING

The House of Commons will hold a secret debate about shipping in the near future.—Reuter.



OXFORD STREET SALES GIRLS BEAT THE BOMBERS. — At a big store in the Oxford Street area, the workers' problem of getting home at night has been solved. Many of them sleep in the vast shelter under the stores, or at the men's quarters round the corner, or at a hostel. The shelters are air-conditioned, have running water and a First Aid room, and the occupants can sleep comfortably without being troubled by the noise of London's anti-aircraft barrage. Photo shows salesgirls in their shelter. A series of small shelters are also used, connected by small entrances in the wall, thus in event of bombing they would not be trapped. The Duty Manager can patrol all shelters and can communicate by phone to any of the shelters. (Copyright, Fox).

STOP PRESS

SWIFT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE POLICE AGAINST RICE DEALERS SELLING RICE AT PRICES HIGHER THAN THOSE FIXED BY THE CONTROLLER OF TRADE.

In the last two days, the Police have swooped down on 16 dealers in Wanchai district and summonses have been taken out against these shop-keepers. They have been instructed to appear before Court on Friday, October 20.

COASTAL ROLE OF COMMAND

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES ARE TO TAKE PLACE IN THE R.A.F. COASTAL COMMAND.

Announcing this in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Churchill said that although there is no need at present for a change in the position of the Command of the R.A.F. it was necessary that it should play a more important part than in the past in the protection of trade.—Reuter.

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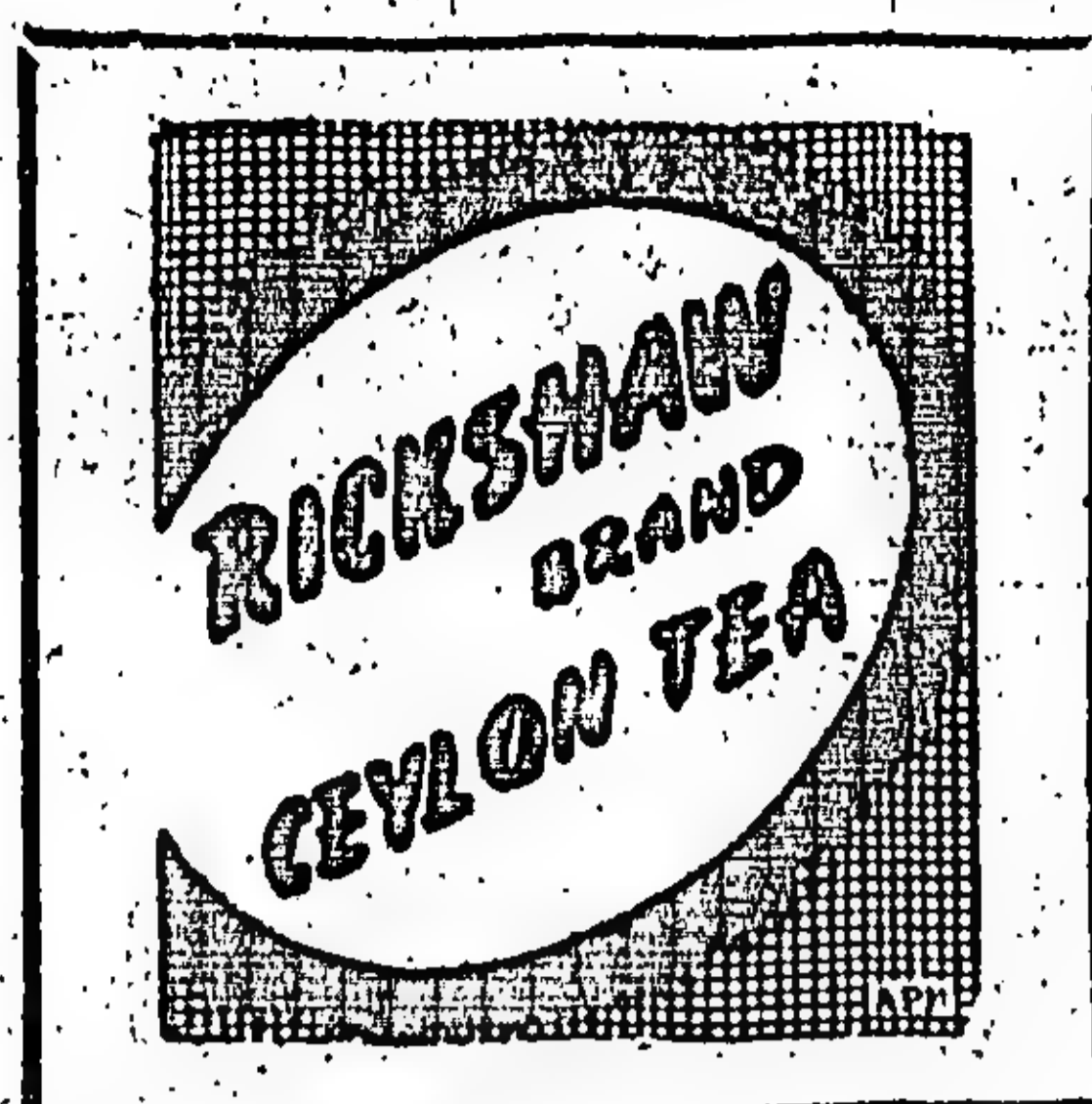
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ITALIAN DIVISIONS AT SIDI BARRANI CUT OFF British Forces Smash Through To Coast In 24 Hours

SIXTEEN MILLIONS A DAY LAST WEEK

Britain last week spent the record sum of nearly £16,000,000 a day.

This figure is disclosed by Exchequer returns for last week, issued in London yesterday, showing total ordinary expenditure at £110 millions and total ordinary revenue at £23 millions. —Reuter.

WEDGE DRIVEN IN GRAZIANI'S ARMY

SMASHING THROUGH THE ITALIAN LINES IN THE WESTERN DESERT, BRITISH ARMoured UNITS WERE REPORTED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT TO HAVE CUT OFF PART OF TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS AT SIDI BARRANI.

Less than 36 hours after launching the surprise attack on a 30-mile front at dawn on Monday the British forces had reached the coast between Sidi Barrani and Bugbug.

As the attack developed British aircraft ceaselessly hammered Italian communications to check the movement of reinforcements.

During the night of Sunday British naval units successfully bombarded Maktila Camp and Sidi Barrani in support of the operations, stated a naval communique issued in Cairo.

In their swift thrust to the coast the British troops have driven a wedge between the Libyan forces holding Sidi Barrani and divisions supporting them further west.

The area occupied by the enemy forms, roughly speaking, an equilateral triangle the points of which are Sidi Barrani and the Italian camps at Maktila, 15 miles to the west along the coast, and Nibelwa, 15 miles due south of Sidi Barrani.

Nibelwa Camp was the position captured by the British early on Monday morning, when 500 prisoners were taken.

Naval Bombardment

While the Royal Navy bombarded one side of the triangle, armoured units, supported by infantry, attacked the other two sides.

Acting in close cooperation, the R.A.F. ranged continuously over the whole area, bombing Italian posts, destroying mechanised transport and breaking up troop formations. Many tons of bombs were dropped by British planes, which varied their tactics by diving low and carrying out machine-gun attacks on enemy troops.

The R.A.F.'s onslaught in support of the British drive undoubtedly accounts for the absence of Italian raids on Alexandria during recent moonlight nights.

Evidently the Italians needed every available aircraft to meet the R.A.F.

Enemies Puzzled

"Our enemies are puzzled and angered that a people whom they had been led to believe were decadent and devoid of vigorous qualities, attacked by the so-called dynamic young nations, should have been able not only successfully to withstand savage and unbridled terrorism far beyond what sufficed to bring other nations rapidly to their knees but at the same time to counter with hard, shrewd and staggering blows that inflict great and growing injury to our foes." —Reuter.

Meticulous Preparation

Months of meticulous preparation behind the lines preceded the present action against Marshal Graziani's army, the bulk of which appears to be stationed in the region round Sollum, where the frontiers of Egypt and Libya meet.

All branches of the British forces in the Middle East, extending for 400 miles into the desert from G.H.Q. at Cairo, are perfectly co-ordinated.

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BRITAIN CANNOT LOSE THE WAR

"BRITAIN CANNOT lose the war unless we are guilty of wavering on the road to victory," said Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, speaking in London last evening.

"I do not say victory is round the corner," Mr. Greenwood added, "but I do say unhesitatingly that Germany cannot win."

AWARDS TO A.A. MEN

Some of the achievements of Britain's anti-aircraft defences are revealed by the War Office announcing yesterday awards of the O.B.E. and M.C.

The O.B.E. goes to Lt.-Col. Norman Vause Sadler, commander of the anti-aircraft defences of Dover and East Kent, which have shot down no fewer than 80 enemy planes during the last five months. The M.C. is awarded to 2/Lt. Patrick Valon Bennet, whose heavy anti-aircraft section of the Royal Artillery brought down 12 enemy planes during the last four months. —Reuter.

INVASION PORT FIRES STILL ABLAZE

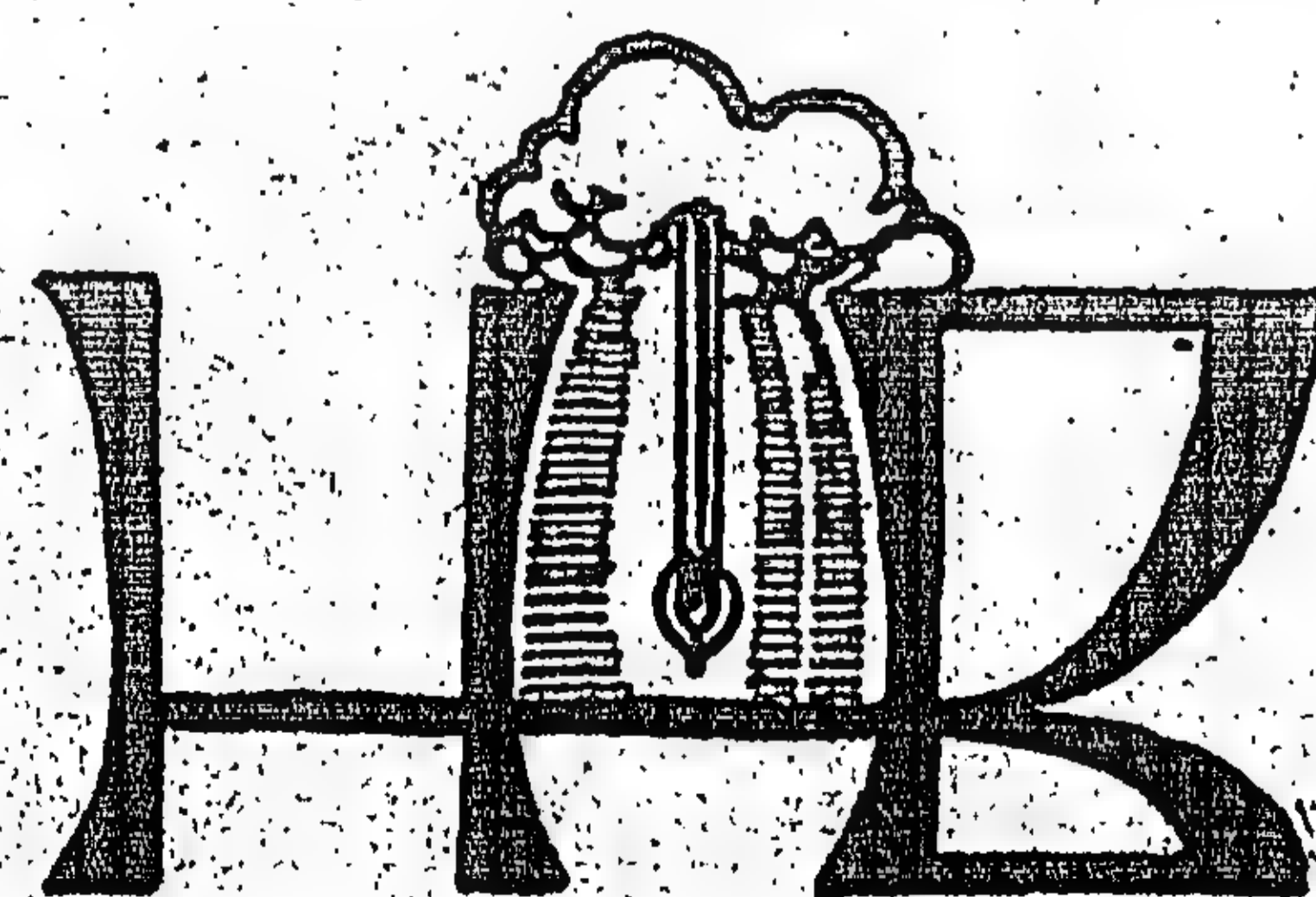
Fires started by the R.A.F. at French invasion ports on Monday night were still blazing fiercely yesterday.

In the morning the haze over mid-Channel glowed red but later, when the day was slightly older, great flames and columns of smoke rising from the French coast made a spectacular sight.

The fires appeared to be worst in and around Calais. —Reuter.

ed a balanced statement of Britain's resources and costs of supply. —Reuter.

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—AND THEN TRY!

Hitler On Defence In Pep Talk To Munition Workers

EVEN DISCUSSED DEFEAT -- RHETORICALLY

(By Reuter's Chief Diplomatic Correspondent)

HITLER'S SPEECH IN BERLIN YESTERDAY WAS PITCHED IN A DISTINCTLY MINOR KEY; THE WHOLE TONE OF THE SPEECH WAS DEFENSIVE RATHER THAN AGGRESSIVE, AS ARE HIS USUAL TIRADES.

There was less of the customary boasting and, strangest feature of all, he referred, albeit rhetorically, to two dramatic possibilities — of defeat, which he said would mean "the end not only of our socialist system but also of the German people, and of the possibility of an attempt by Britain to gain a footing on the Continent."

Emphasis on the double effects of defeat is significant, for it admits a distinction between Nazism and the German people which most Nazis would hesitate to confirm.

Hitler's defence of unrestricted bombing of open towns follows the lines of Goebbels' propaganda.

It was always the other side that began it, although there is indisputable evidence to the contrary.

"On The Raw"

One revealing passage showed that despite his ignorance of foreign languages Hitler must be informed of opinions regarding him expressed abroad.

This was his outburst at the suggestion that he suffers from an inferiority complex. The violence of his reaction suggests that the accusation touched him "on the raw."

Another detail that may or not be significant was the absence from the meeting of Rudolf Hess, the deputy leader, who has not been heard of since the bombing of the Munich beer cellar when he spoke in the name of the Fuehrer.—Reuter.

QUIET MOOD ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Although sentiment on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was brighter, business generally ruled quiet. Greek and Far Eastern loans, especially Chinese, moved higher but Brazilians occasionally were offered. Oils met with a good enquiry, Anglo-Iranian advancing from 31/3 to 35/-. Several industrials strengthened while

SOLIDARITY IN PACIFIC

Chinese circles in London warmly welcome the decision of the British Government to grant a new loan of £10,000,000 to China.

Commenting on the decision, they point out that the loan is an indication of Anglo-American solidarity in cooperation with China and in the Pacific.

The Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, yesterday called on Mr. J. M. Keynes, Financial Adviser to the British Treasury. Arrangements for a preliminary technical agreement are now being negotiated.—Central News.

16 RICE DEALERS SUMMONED

SWIFT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE POLICE AGAINST RICE DEALERS SELLING RICE AT PRICES HIGHER THAN THOSE FIXED BY THE CONTROLLER OF TRADE.

In the last two days, the Police have swooped down on 16 dealers in Wanchai district and summonses have been taken out against these shop-keepers.

They have been instructed to appear before Court on Friday, October 20.

ROLE OF COASTAL COMMAND

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES ARE TO TAKE PLACE IN THE R.A.F. COASTAL COMMAND.

Announcing this in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Churchill said that although there is no need at present for a change in the position of the Command of the R.A.F. it was necessary that it should play a more important part than in the past in the protection of trade.—Reuter.

THE LORD MAYOR'S AIR RAID FUND

The Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Distress Fund is now £1,667,000. The Lord Mayor of Perth has sent a further £2,800 making £22,800 from Western Australia.—British Wireless.

CARNARVON CASTLE AT SEA AGAIN

H.M.S. Carnarvon Castle, which put into Montevideo for refitting after her clash with a German raider, sailed at 8.15 last evening.

All repairs had been completed, it was stated.

Despite rain a large crowd assembled at the quayside and cheered Carnarvon Castle on her departure.—Reuter.

SPIES CONFESSED MISSION

After the two spies executed in Britain yesterday had been arrested, they confessed and told of instructions they had received.

This fact was disclosed in a broadcast last night by an officer whose business it is to prevent leakage of information to the enemy.

The officer stated that Jose Waldborg, the German, might have acted from patriotic motives, but that the Dutchman, Karl Meier, acted simply for money.

In addition to a wireless transmitter and a considerable sum in English money, the two men brought iron rations with them.—Reuter.

TURKEY PREPARING

"IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT SPRING THE LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF AIR RAID SHELTERS BE PROVIDED IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN TURKEY," STATED THE OFFICIAL ANKARA NEWSPAPER "ULUS" YESTERDAY.

The newspaper publishes designs of the Anderson (the small, back garden, semi-sunken type) shelter, with the recommendation that all municipalities study them and start providing similar structures.—Reuter.

PEIPING RUMOURS

ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED BUT PERSISTENT RUMOURS AMONG BOTH CHINESE AND JAPANESE CIRCLES IN PEIPING THE MURDERER OF THE JAPANESE COLONEL ON NOVEMBER 29 HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON A CHINESE RICKSHA COOLIE'S INFORMATION.

The murderer, it is rumoured, turned out to be a Japanese who donned Chinese dress for the occasion.

Reason for the murder is said to be due to internal quarrels among the Japanese.—Reuter.

HITLER SHOULD HAVE BEEN SHOT

— Mr. Morrison

UNDER THEIR POWERS the Home Office had not dealt with enemy aliens and other internees improperly or spitefully, declared Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, replying to the debate in the House of Commons yesterday.

They had seen what happened in Belgium, Holland and Norway. Mr. Morrison said, and added "We knew we had our own quislings in this country ready to play their part."

"The lesson of Nazi Germany is that republican politicians at the time respected very fully those principles which are now urged upon me."

"The result was that Hitler was dealt with under a very gentle law. He was put into prison, but given rights of access to certain persons and in two months he was out."

"If I had been running the German Government at that time he would never have got out and would never have survived."

Ought To Have Been Shot

"He was an enemy of the State and ought to have been shot — and that would have been a very fine thing for Germany and the world."

"If I have to take any action in defence of the security of the State, I will take it. The security of the State in time of war comes before anything." — Reuter.



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BLAME ON PARENTS

"The real trouble is not the wildness of youth, but the stupidity of parents."

This criticism is made by the vicar of St. John the Baptist Church, Chester, the Rev. A. W. G. Duffield, who writes in his parish magazine:

"I am writing this to you parents not as a parson, but as one who has four children of his own."

"I am appalled by the state of affairs concerning young people, and I am certain that to abuse the youngsters for the present laxity is beside the point."

"To see girls of sixteen hanging around our streets in the evening to 'pick up' a soldier or another, and later to hear them shouting and singing at an hour when they ought to be in bed is damning commentary on the slackness of many parents — but you cannot blame the troops."

"They are decent lads and lonely and bored — and only human."

"Sheer Cruelty"

"Usually the girls ask for whatever they get, and the person to blame is the parents who has not sense enough to realise that the surrender of parental control is not kindness — it is sheer cruelty, and a cowardly evasion of responsibility."

"I believe the time has come in the interest of the children to reassert our parental control. Small children ought not to be playing in the streets at ten o'clock at night. Boys of fourteen should not be allowed on street corners in foulmouthed gangs when they ought to be in bed."

"Girls of sixteen ought not to be allowed to hang around dark entries with any chance man up to midnight."

Propitious Moment For Onslaught Not To Be Missed

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

LATEST NEWS FROM CAIRO SUGGESTS THAT THE MOMENT FOR STRIKING ANOTHER BLOW AGAINST THE ITALIANS — THIS TIME IN LIBYA — HAS NOT BEEN MISSED.

A heavy stroke has already been delivered against Marshal Graziani's forces which he rashly pushed forward to Sidi Barrani. Italian generals have been captured or killed, over 4,000 prisoners taken and many tanks captured.

This is an encouraging beginning, though it is early yet to gauge what the final result of these operations will be.

The Italians may be driven back along their lines of retreat, and though they will be badly mauled, their main force round Sidi Barrani may manage to escape.

It is, however, possible that a disaster of considerable magnitude will be inflicted on the Italians.

A turning movement along the Libyan Plateau down the escarpment on to the road between Solum and Sidi Barrani, may develop.

This is not the only encircling movement which may be initiated with the object of totally destroying the Italians; Britain commands the sea, and a naval attack escorting a landing force may possibly strike still further to the Italian rear, towards Tobruk.

The scope of such operations is admittedly on the grand scale. It

would involve some extra effort and risk.

Moment Propitious

But the moment is propitious; the enemy's morale is undoubtedly shaken and may give way altogether quite easily.

Such an event was witnessed when France collapsed. We can remember the handful of Germans who pushed right across France regardless of the French army and seized Bordeaux.

These are days and moments for great strokes.

It is to be noted with satisfaction that General Wavell and Sir Maitland Wilson have called on every weapon at our command to play its part in defeat of the enemy, for both the Navy and Air Force have been active and have made their power felt.

Arabs May Rise

It remains to be seen whether the British can press the Italians back into Libya, whether indeed, we can drive them out of the country altogether.

The Arabs may well rise and make harassing attacks on isolated Italian columns, parties and even their civilian colonists.

On the other side of the Mediterranean—in Albania—the prospects look equally bright.

The Greeks are still pressing on despite the terrible winter weather. Such weather is as destructive to a retreating enemy as it is a cause of delay to an advancing one.

Albanian Peril

But with whom did the advantage lie in 1812, when Napoleon retreated from Moscow—with the advancing Russians or the retreating French?

The Italians in Albania are in a most dangerous situation. If the British could spare enough ships from the operations on the Libyan coast to send a naval squadron to Valona, the stroke would be decisive.

A naval attack on that port would cut off the retreat of half the Italian army and would prevent further reinforcements from reaching them.

The Fleet need have no fears in accepting such a challenge. Mussolini and his Fascist Empire are rocking. Can the British forces push it over now? It is possible. —Reuter.

that French troops are once more on the march against the enemy will bring a lift of the heart to Frenchmen everywhere. —British Wireless.

TRAPPED 7 HOURS —ALIVE

A child who was rescued alive from the wreckage of two houses destroyed by a big bomb asked wardens who had been digging seven hours for her for a cup of tea.

"I should like a nice cup of tea," she said.

It is feared that others are still buried and while the rescue work was in progress a mechanical navy was scooping up into trucks what remains of the houses, which are in a London area.

A family in a South-East town of England had a remarkable escape when one of a stick of high explosive bombs fell about three yards from their bungalow.

Children Slept On

In one bedroom were Mr. Charles Searf, and in the other his sister-in-law, Mrs. Landymore, his son, aged four, and Mrs. Landymore's daughter, aged two.

Although the concrete window lintels, weighing about 4cwt., were blown into the bedroom, no one was hurt.

In the second bedroom the whole window fell across the sleeping children, but scarcely a pane of glass was broken and the children had to be awakened.

The force of the explosion also tore off the chimneys of neighbouring bungalows.

Other bombs, including incendiaries, were dropped on the surrounding countryside, but no material damage is reported.

PART PLAYED BY R.A.F. IN NEW OFFENSIVE

DETAILED REPORTS now received showing the part played by the R.A.F. in supporting the military offensive in the Western Desert, show, according to a communique issued by R.A.F. headquarters in Cairo, that on the first day, on Monday, every enemy aerodrome from Derna to Sidi Barrani was heavily raided by British bombers, causing great damage.

In addition, our fighters and bombers continually attacked enemy troop concentrations and motor transport over the whole operational area.

Twenty-two enemy aircraft were reported shot down or destroyed — 18 confirmed and four unconfirmed.

One squadron accounted for 11 of these, four of which were seen burning on the ground at the same time.

Another fighter squadron caused great damage to enemy communications and inflicted many casualties on enemy personnel by dive machine-gun attacks.

Movement Dislocated

Later reconnaissance flights reported large fires west of Bugbug and in other roads, and enemy motor transport burning on the road causing dislocation of enemy movements.

During these intensive air operations, which were continuous from dawn till dusk, only three of our aircraft failed to return to base, but the pilots of two are safe.

PREMIER'S REPORT

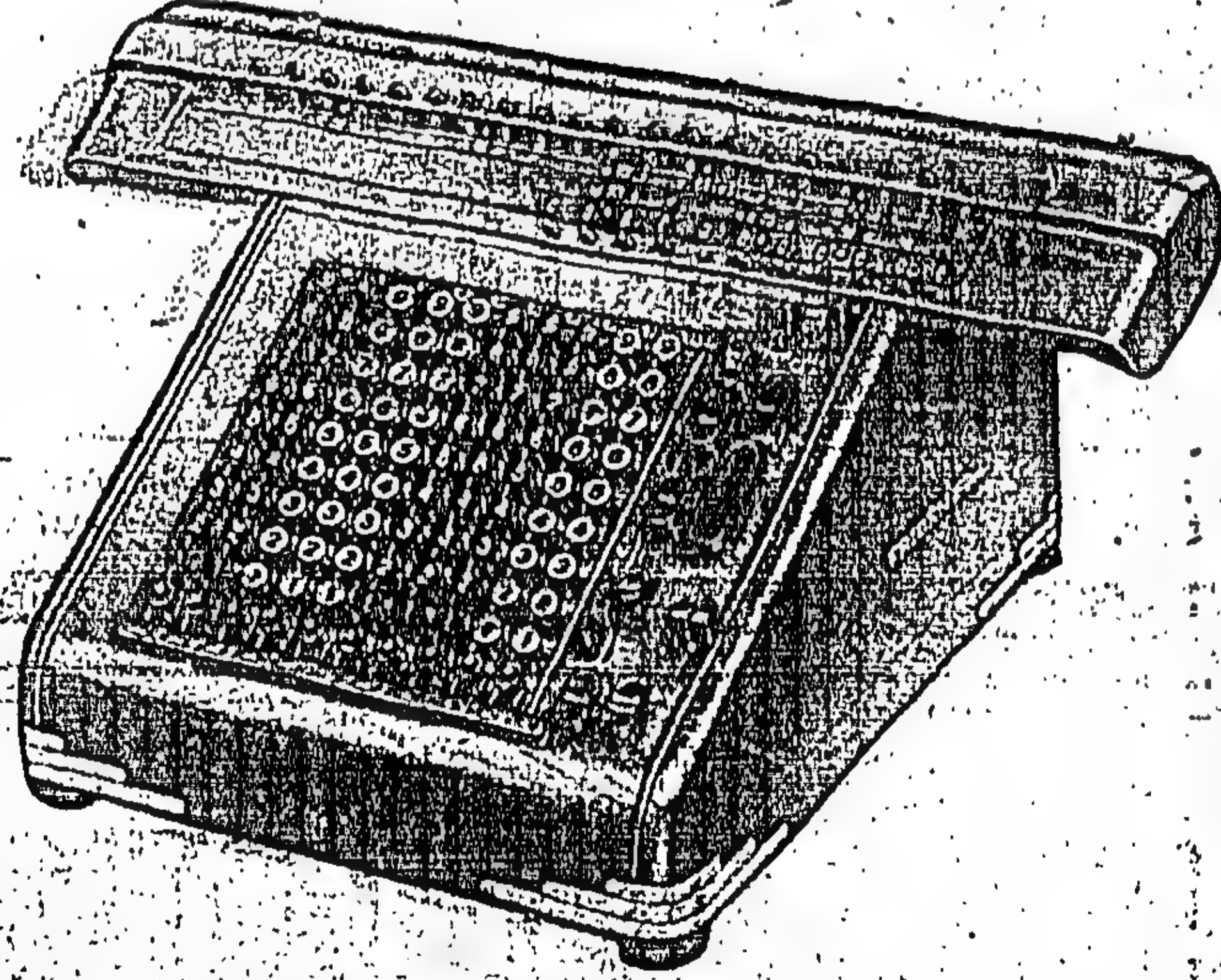
The encouraging report which the Prime Minister was able to give the Commons on the initiative which the forces under the command of Sir Archibald Wavell have taken against the Italians in the Western Desert has created an excellent impression at Westminster.

Particular satisfaction is felt at the evidence of close fruitful co-operation between the three Services.

The Premier's announcement that Free French forces are taking part in the offensive action against the Italians has also given pleasure in London and the knowledge

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HITLER'S APOLOGY FOR FAILURE OF BLITZKRIEG

HITLER'S SPEECH yesterday to armament workers in Berlin sounded more like an apology for inaction than anything else.

Over half the time was devoted to a tirade about "lebensraum," the Versailles Treaty and the economic position of Germany. It was a revised version of the speech which has served him so often in the past, and drew practically no applause.

He then went on to say that Mr. Churchill had planned the war. "People say I have a feeling of inferiority towards England," he said. "They are crazy! I have never had an inferiority complex!"

He made the somewhat amazing statement that not one of Germany's armament works have yet been hit by the R.A.F. In this connection, it may be recalled that on Monday the German journal "Das Reich" complained that the German Press was not allowed to give any reports indicating the scope of the British raids.

For the rest, the speech was a long explanation for Germany's inaction, and Hitler seemed to recall that some of his listeners might be thinking of his boast that the war would be over by last September.

"Every Caution"

He told them he considered it worthwhile to wait. "I am very cautious in this respect," he said. "We don't want prestige successes." He tried to comfort his hearers by painting a picture of the peaceful reconstruction that would ensue once Germany had won the war — practically the sole reference in the whole speech to his "New Order."

He spoke vaguely about "far-reaching plans" for improving the lot of the German people, and "shattering the barriers" around Germany so that she will "occupy the place due to her." — Reuter.

SON WAS RESCUER

A demolition worker who dug for twelve hours to free people trapped in a bomb-wrecked home, found that two of the victims were his father and mother. He got them out and they were taken to hospital.

The house was one of several in the North London area which were demolished by a heavy bomb.

For hours the rescue workers did not know whether there was anyone alive in the wreckage. They dug and searched systematically.

They were ordered to take cover during a later raid when gunfire was heard overhead, but they refused, and went on with the rescue work.

Soon afterwards a sudden cry of "Quiet, please," produced a dramatic silence. Then faint sounds were heard from among the debris.

Policeman Trapped

After an hour's more digging came the first rescue—a dog, which belonged to the demolition worker, who retrieved it. Then the man got out his father and mother.

Later some bodies were recovered from the debris. All day efforts were continued at a post office building to reach a war reserve policeman who was believed to have been buried.

One man, who persistently refused to leave his home and seek shelter, was persuaded to do so for the first time on Thursday night. His home was wrecked.

JUST A HITLER PEP TALK

Hitler's speech is regarded in Washington as a "pep talk" to munition workers and a challenge to the rest of the world, whether belligerents or not, who oppose Nazi economics.

Hitler's announcement of war on capitalism everywhere is taken in Washington as timed chiefly at Britain and the United States; and as a final recognition that America, if not a belligerent, is really in the war with Britain.

It is also considered significant that German workers needed such a "pep talk" particularly such a lengthy one. — Reuter.

CONSULTS SHELTER USERS

Mr. Robert Boothby, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, walked the streets of London between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. to watch the exodus from the air raid shelters.

He was seeking first-hand information to help in advancing the Ministry's plans for emergency feeding.

"The spirit of the people was magnificent," Mr. Boothby said. "I interrogated many of them, and what suggestions they had to make were made cheerfully. Some of them were constructive. My experiences will assist us in dealing with the emergency. It is a case of full speed ahead."

BRITISH LOAN TO CHINA

A large loan to China — £10,000,000 — was announced by Mr. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday.

He recalled that on November 30 the United States Government announced its intention of extending large credits to China.

The British Government, in view of the importance of its financial and economic relations, has now decided to grant further financial assistance.

Providing suitable arrangements can be made that sterling is available for use only in the sterling area, Britain is prepared in principle to make an advance of £5,000,000 to the Chinese Stabilisation Fund and to grant credits for a further £5,000,000 available for purchases within the sterling area. This decision has already been communicated to the Chinese Government. — Reuter.

FEWER SICK SINCE WAR

Nights at work or in air raid shelters might be expected to undermine the health if not the morale of the people of this country, but statistics show that times of greatest stress during the past twelve months have been the times when the least number of people have been on the sick list.

British people are not ailing, and they are not rushing to the medicine bottle.

During the period April to June — when Hitler took over most of his temporary European territory — the sickness rate in Lancashire alone dropped by over 121,000 people.

An official of an insurance committee said that the national reaction to the war had been remarkable.

"It is the most remarkable tribute to the workpeople of the country," he said. "One would expect that with thousands of our healthy young men in the forces, the sickness rate of the remaining population would naturally increase, but it has not been so."

"I think the explanation lies in the fact that people are so busy working that they have no time to be neuroathetic or to bother about minor ailments."

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PROBLEM OF WINTER TRAFFIC

The Minister of Transport (Col. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon) has set up a special committee of traffic experts to solve the problems of transport during the winter.

On this committee, who have already met, are representatives of the Ministries of Home Security, Health and Labour, and traffic chiefs from Scotland Yard and many local authorities.

Their object is to re-arrange traffic facilities in the light of new conditions that will be created by air raids and earlier hours of darkness and to create emergency machinery which may be put into operation at a moment's notice in any part of London.

Many Proposals

No final decisions have yet been reached, but the committee are considering many proposals daily.

Already London Transport have a pool of 600 buses for emergencies, which can be switched about where and when required.

One suggestion being considered by the committee is that this fleet should be increased by some of the many hundreds of coaches and charabancs which have been lying idle since war began.

Another idea under review is closer cooperation between all the

PICKED UP SECRET — IS IGNORED

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WALKING ALONG Bruton-place, Bond Street, London, W., Mr. S. Smith, motor-car salesman, saw a folded piece of paper lying in the roadway. Casually he picked it up. He discovered that it contained the copy of a telegram addressed to the Admiralty, Whitehall, giving particulars of the movements of a cargo ship from South Africa, including date of departure for Britain.

main-line railways and London Transport Board with the possibility of inter-availability of tickets between them all.

It is likely that pre-war Green Line coach services will be fully restored by double-decked buses—as many coaches are still being used by the Government on ambulance service.

It is certain, too, that peak hours of travelling will change with the conditions; the various services will cooperate with business premises to prepare for new rush hours.

The question of speeding up trains now limited to 15 miles an hour during Alerts has also been considered.

This is unlikely to be changed, because increased speeds would mean increased "flashing" from electric trains and steam trains would have to increase the size of their fires which might make them visible by flames from their smoke stacks.

Mr. Smith, who is employed in Bruton Place, immediately telephoned the Admiralty telling them of his important find.

He was told someone would collect the document at once.

That was at 11 a.m. The telegram is still unclaimed.

"I Am Amazed"

But the Admiralty will be glad to learn that—unlike the original owner of the telegram—Mr. Smith is keeping it safely under lock and key.

Mr. Smith is a busy man, and has no intention of wasting his time running after the Admiralty.

But he does believe that the public should be told of the lax attitude of their servants in Whitehall.

Mr. Smith said:—

"I am amazed and disgusted to think that the Admiralty could not spare one of their many messengers to collect the copy of this telegram. 'The Government slogan is, 'Careless talk costs lives.' They should change 'talk' to 'officials'!"

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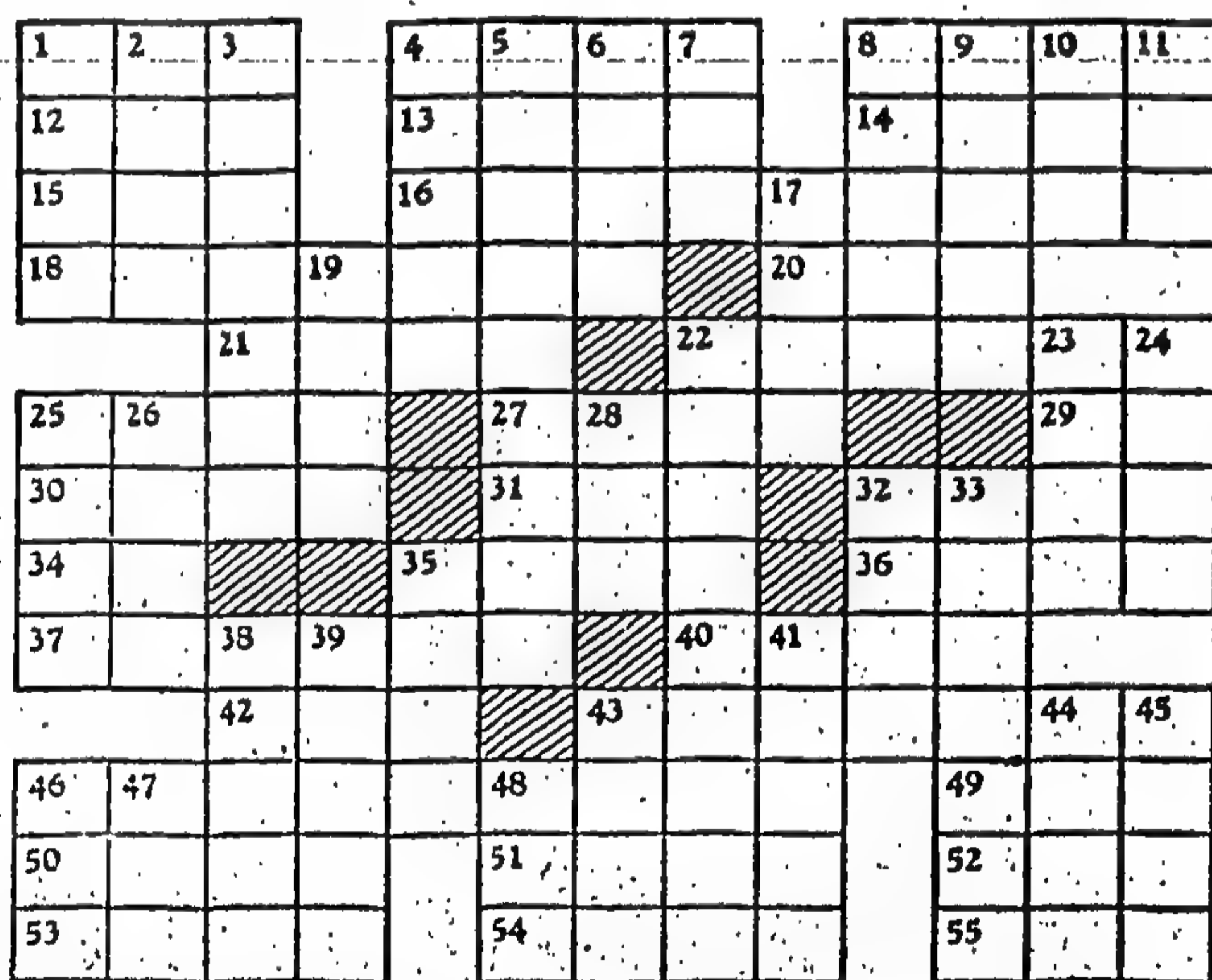
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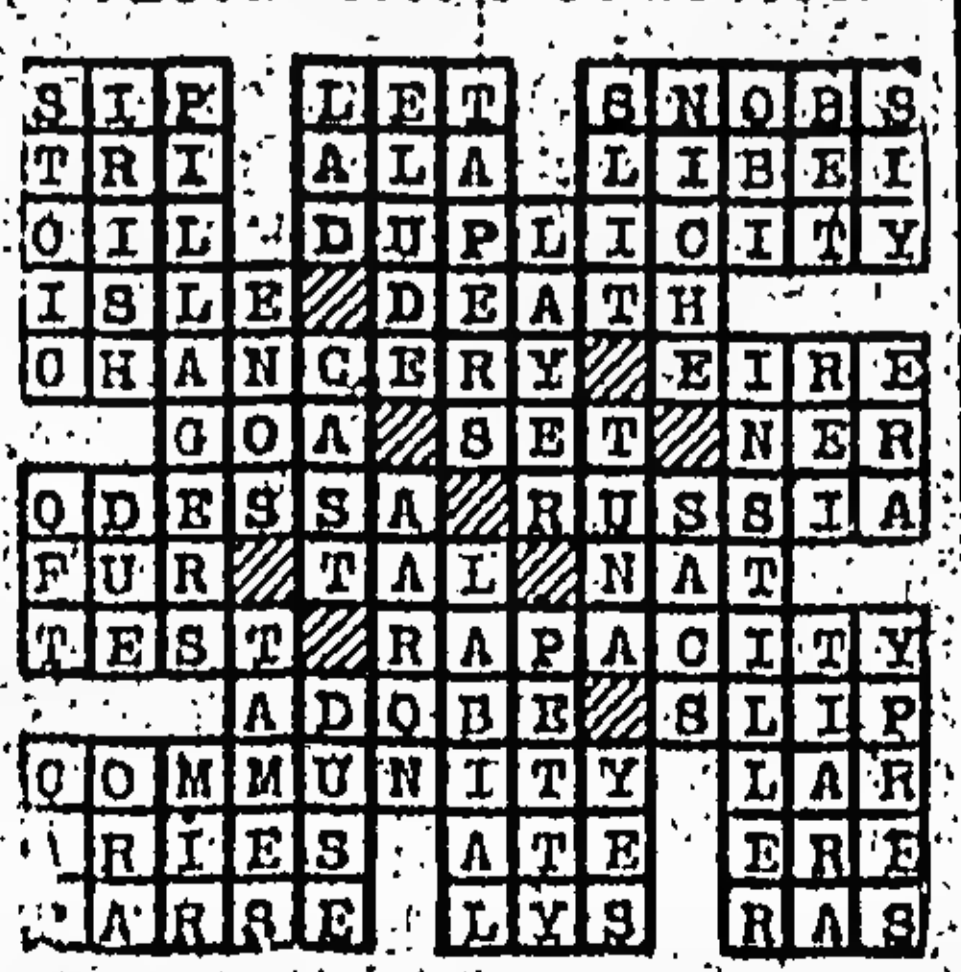
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HE PICKED UP FIRE-BOMB IN HOSPITAL

WHEN A WARNING was given in a north-east coast town the patients at an isolation hospital were taken to a shelter—all except one. He was too ill to be moved. So Able-Seaman William Godfrey Furse, twenty-six, who was convalescing, volunteered to stay and look after him.

The hospital was subjected to a fierce attack, about thirty incendiary bombs being dropped on it. One crashed through the roof and landed on the floor of the ward. Immediately Able-Seaman Furse grabbed a couple of blankets, wrapped them round the sizzling bomb and picked it up.

Then he dashed through the ward and flung it through the doorway. Able-Seaman Furse, who is married, lives at Aberdare, South Wales.

Saved By 'Bogey Hole'

The day before their home in a London suburb was bombed the Glenn family moved their beds downstairs and arranged for nine-year-old Michael to sleep under the stairs.

He laughed and called it his "Bogey Hole bedroom"—but it saved his life.

The house was hit and wrecked. His mother and father, and a woman lodger in the house were killed.

But Michael, sleeping on a mattress in his "Bogey Hole bedroom," escaped almost unscathed.

When the bomb fell the mattress curled up and protected him. He was found in the crater, covered with debris—but still on the mattress.

Not knowing that his parents were dead, he lay trapped for an hour and a half while rescue workers dug to free him. His only concern was for the safety of his pet budgerigar.

"Mummy's in the next room," he said, after he had been freed. "Why don't you go and get her and ask her to bring Budgy?"

They dare not tell him that his mother was dead—with the little green bird at her side.

Michael was taken to a nearby first-aid station where workers offered to adopt him but relatives were found who are going to take him with them when he can be moved.

"I Want Budgy"

"I want Budgy." That is what he kept asking when a reporter saw the ambulance commandant who is giving him a temporary home at her house.

"Can't understand why mummy does not bring him to me. Perhaps she can't find him," Michael said.

An A.R.P. worker has found him another budgerigar. They told him a Mummy had sent it.

"He does not yet know that his parents are dead," the Commandant said.

"He's a brave little boy. He didn't even cry as he lay trapped on the edge of the bomb crater, buried by fallen masonry with workers trying to dig him out. All he was worried about was his pet, so I have bought him another. We are pretending it is his Budgy."

ALIENS HELP BEAT BOMBS

WORKING TOGETHER UNDER ARMED GUARD IN A MANX VILLAGE WORKSHOP, THREE INTERNEED ALIENS HAVE COMPLETED AN INVENTION TO COMBAT THE INCENDIARY BOMB. DETAILS OF THE INVENTION ARE SECRET, AND HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE WAR OFFICE FOR TESTS.

The three men—one a Jewish Doctor of Science—were sent to the Isle of Man to be interned about three months ago. Since then they have occupied their time perfecting details of their idea.

When they reached the final stages of their work, they applied to the camp commandant for facilities to weld certain parts. These were granted.

Now the inventors are eagerly awaiting the result of the tests. If their idea materialises they will have driven another nail in Hitler's coffin.

WRECKED MEN'S WEDDING FEAST

When the men of a wrecked Swedish ship reached the island of Bernera, Lewis, off the west coast of Scotland, they were given the food and drink prepared for a wedding feast.

And the bride spent her wedding morning attending to the injured.

When the people of Breanish in Uig, were offered payment by the owners of a vessel whose crew they had entertained, they asked that any gift should be handed to Lewis Hospital.

That is the spirit in which the crofters and fishermen of the lonely Scottish isles have received hundreds of shipwrecked seamen who have been landed there.

Two Breanish boys, Malcolm Macaulay and Angus Maclean, saw a shipwrecked crew on a rocky islet off the coast trying to catch a sheep for food.

The boys signalled them to a safe landing on the mainland, took them to the village and made tea for them. The boys were preparing to wash the swollen feet of the seamen when their mothers came home from the fields where they worked.

"Treated Like Lords"

"They treated us like little lords," said one of the crew.

"We are British shipwrecks" was the cry heard by the crofters of Northton-in-Harris over the roar of the breakers when a strange boat was seen approaching the coast.

The crofters plunged into the sea and took the boat safely ashore. Aboard were ten survivors out of a British crew of forty-two who had been fourteen days adrift.

The people of Northton did

NAZI VISIT WAS BRIEF

"Will all pilots of No. 1 Squadron stand at the ready!" This message from a loudspeaker gave me the first intimation that German planes were approaching the area covered by the fighters of the South of England aerodrome on which I was standing, writes a correspondent.

A moment before the airfield had almost a peaceful atmosphere. Now everything was changed. There was an air of expectancy, of tenseness. Men dashed to their stations. Sentries and those of us without an immediate task, stood scanning the skies.

"There's something doing," said the corporal who was by my side.

Then, with a roar, the Hurricanes took off and, in a moment, were lost to sight.

About three minutes later came the voice from the loudspeaker again: "Will all pilots of No. 1 Squadron stand ready." Another batch of Britain's fighters pilots prepared to go into battle.

I wish every member of the public could have been there to see the speed and calm efficiency of the whole thing. It was fine.

Then, once again, the voice from the loudspeaker — "Will all personnel take cover immediately." And with that we all, including W.A.A.F.s who were chatting and laughing made for the shelters.

I found myself in a machine-gun blockhouse sitting on boxes of ammunition with the gun crew waiting for a sight of a German plane.

Aching For A Shot

"There's a Jerry in the sun," said a gunner, and keen eyes searched in the sun's glare for a sign of the Nazi bomber who might be diving at any second to unload his eggs on the airfield.

Those boys in the blockhouse were aching to get a shot at the raider — but he passed by.

When the fighters returned, "victory rolls" showed they had contacted the enemy. It wasn't long before this was confirmed.

"Score — six to nothing," the loud speaker announced, as though broadcasting a football match score.

And the pilots who a short time before had been facing death in the sky went off for cups of tea.

what they could for the seamen until they were removed to hospital.

"No seamen were ever treated better," said one of the crew.

NURSE DEFIED BOMBS TO SAVE 112--GETS M.B.E.

A NURSE WHO defied fierce German bombing to get 112 wounded soldiers out of hospital to safety has been awarded the M.B.E. for "gallant and distinguished service." She is Sister Nellie Goodwin, native of Staffordshire, a heroine of the Norway campaign.

She was sitting in a Welsh hospital listening to the radio when, suddenly, she heard the announcer mention her name.

Then she heard the first news of the award.

"I was in charge of the hospital at Harstad, in Norway, on May 20 when Jerry came over and bombed us. I had 112 patients.

"As the bombs fell almost continuously I, and other members of the staff, moved all the wounded into the basement of what was a high school.

"They were all carried out one at a time on stretchers. It was a terrible job, but we just

got on with it, and our only casualty was one orderly."

Saved 36 Nazis, Too

"In addition, we had thirty-six German prisoners, all badly wounded, and we moved them with the rest of the patients.

"The staff were simply marvellous—and so were the boys. As for myself, it was merely my duty."

Then she added: "It did seem strange to hear my own name on the radio."

Sister Goodwin, member of the Territorial Army Nursing Service, was assistant matron at the Women's Hospital, Liverpool, before



THE NEXT STAGE OF DEMOCRACY

The plea voiced in the recent Commons debate by several members, that the present British Parliament should justify the extension of its normal five-year life by undertaking an inquiry into the whole machinery and organisation of government has made a considerable impression.

It needs to be emphasised that the present war is not fundamentally between countries and peoples, but between parliamentary government and democracy on the one hand, and dictatorship on the other.

And apart from winning the war, democracy has to demonstrate its efficiency more convincingly than hitherto.

Describing as revolutionary the Government's decision to prolong the life of the present British Parliament without the sanction of a general election, Mr. Hore-Belisha argued that the existing truce between the major political parties was causing a decline in parliamentary vitality. He called for more enlightenment for back-benchers and more outspoken criticism from them in debate.

Prolongation of Parliament, however, offers a real opportunity.

The popular cry has been heard. "We must have no more party politics after the war."

A searchlight on events leading up to the French collapse has greatly encouraged this cry, as have the revelations of British political manoeuvring which led to Britain entering the war inadequately prepared.

But close questioning of those who cry "no more party politics" often discloses that they have no practical alternative to the party system. In fact, what they are usually attacking is the condition of party politics, or, as Canon Roger Lloyd summed it up in an article in the "Spectator", "Party politics are necessary to a true democracy provided they are healthy, and they can only be healthy when they express a true cleavage of principle which really exists in the Nation."

This view is endorsed by political observers, who point out that the fundamental views of different politicians are often only vaguely represented by the programme of the parties to which they belong—in fact there is often much more similarity between the views of certain small groups within one party and those of politicians in other parties than with those members of their own party.

This was illustrated in the case of many "Young Conservatives" in years immediately preceding the outbreak of this war.

Their real place appeared to be rather in some "Liberal" or Centre Party, but none existed.

Such a situation should not be deplored, but rather welcomed, since it shows that British politicians themselves realise that far-reaching changes are going on today, extending far beyond party limits.

Political circles in Britain generally tend to support the view that democracy must be based on the party system. What alternative is there to party politics other than dictatorship? But they are mostly ready to admit that there is ample opportunity for improvements in the existing system.

"Within a nation there are always dozens of cleavages," says Canon Lloyd. "The problem is to find that cleavage which reaches right down to something very deep, and divides the people into two approximately equal groups. Then you have a party which espouses each side and then the parliamentary system has a chance to work creatively."

Clearly the old party cleavage of greater social equality will cease to be a sufficiently effective spur to parliamentary vitality, since virtually all those elements now constituting Britain's wartime government are agreed on the absolute necessity of greater social equality.

Perhaps, therefore, the cleavage

Men Behind German Invasion Of Norway

I: VICE-ADMIRAL WOLFGANG WEGENER.

Herr von Ribbentrop has vainly attempted to persuade the world that the invasion of Norway was a defensive measure forced upon a reluctant Germany by the necessity for forestalling an Allied attack against her with the connivance of the Norwegian Government.

Imbued with the now well-standardised Nazi technique of aggression and justification, he seems completely to have ignored the fact that the idea of an occupation of Denmark and Norway had been plainly foreshadowed many years before Hitler came to power by the German Admiral Wolfgang Wegener who, unknown to the world at large, has done more than anybody else to shape the present policy of the German Navy.

Admiral Wegener had already been on the retired list for a number of years, when in 1926, he suddenly electrified the whole German naval world by a small, but exceedingly pungent memorandum of some 80 pages. In this he mercilessly exposed the fundamental errors of German naval strategy during the World War and the stupidity of the Official History's attempt to obscure the issue, so as to conceal the complete failure of Admiral von Tirpitz's policy.

The German Navy, he affirmed in this study—three years later made generally accessible by a leading German Naval and Military publishing house, under the title "Seestrategie des Weltkrieges"—had utterly failed to understand the true nature of naval war. Misled by the German traditions of land warfare, it had seen in war at sea merely a military clash between the two opposing navies and not, as it should have done, a struggle for the command of vital sea communications.

The result had been that throughout the war the German Navy had concentrated, as though hypnotised, upon the one idea of bringing the Grand Fleet to battle under favourable circumstances in the North Sea, without realising that the latter, from the point of view of control of communications, was a "strategically dead area."

The proper strategy of the German Navy would have been to utilise the second exit available through the Kattegat and Skagerrak for a flanking advance against the British position at Scapa Flow instead of rushing the Danes in a sudden panic to close and neutralise it.

"The German strategic offensive that should have liberated our fleet from painful captivity in the Heligoland Bight had therefore to be the reopening of the Belts, an understanding with Denmark about the use of her territorial waters and control of the Scandinavian trade route," wrote the Admiral.

"The next stage in the progress of our offensive would have been the occupation of the southern part of Norway, which, it is true, we should first have had to liberate from British oppression. The argument that such a war policy carrying our fleets through the Belts into the Kattegat would have been impracticable does not hold water. One should not fall into the error of believing that States which, by the accident of their geographical position, have got mixed up in a world war between great powers would not of themselves have felt the most urgent necessity for negotiations as well as the desire to keep on friendly terms with so powerful a factor as Germany was at that time.

will be on international issues instead of domestic.

And this surely will be appropriate in the task of building a new European or even world order, when it is hoped lessons of the past will be applied—chiefly the need for the abolition of economic frontier limitations, and for some system of collective security which will supersede the old conception of state sovereignty which has proved so ineffective against aggression.

"It would have been an underestimate of the intelligence of the statesmen of these countries to assume that they would not have been able to understand that Germany was pressing certain demands upon them for the limited duration of the conflict only and merely under the bitter necessity of war; demands which, therefore, because not advanced in an unfriendly spirit, were well cap-

By
DR. HERBERT ROSINSKI,
Former lecturer at the German Naval Academy

able of being discussed. To offer themselves of their own account these States in their own interest were naturally not anxious, but that did not imply that they would not have been willing to enter sympathetically into negotiations."

These revolutionary proposals of Admiral Wegener aroused the German Navy as no other discussion had done before. Bitterly disputed by many of the elder men, they were hailed with enthusiasm by practically the whole of the younger generation. To these young men groping desperately for a light to guide them in the bitter task of the reconstruction of German Sea Power, Wegener's criticism came as a clarion call to another and better directed effort, while his emphasis upon the true nature of naval warfare struck them with the force of revelation. From his study, as an ardent young admiral testified a few years later, the

whole reorganisation of German naval thought took its course.

But his ideas did not acquire their full significance until the advent of the Third Reich and the beginning of German rearmament brought their realisation within reach. In the absence of any special ideas of his own on naval warfare, Adolf Hitler eagerly adopted the Admiral's bold and ruthless conceptions, so much so that his study became unofficially known in naval circles as "Hitler's naval bible."

Out of its strategic ideas there arose between 1936 and 1938 the new doctrine of the German Navy; out of its criticism of Germany's failure to utilise the Danish and Norwegian positions during the World War, the ruthless attack upon these two countries of which we were witnesses.



II. COLONEL RITTER VON NIEDERMAYER

Ten years after their first publication plans for improving Germany's strategic position by the occupation of Denmark and Norway were elaborated from a different angle by Colonel Oscar Ritter von Niedermayer, the Head of the great Central Institute for Military Studies at Berlin University.

Colonel von Niedermayer owes his exceptional position amongst the leaders of the present German Army to a unique combination of scholarship, daring and political ability. A Bavarian staff officer, he first sprang into the public limelight in 1915 when he led the German Diplomatic Mission to Afghanistan, destined to incite that country against India, through the Allied lines and the deserts

of Eastern Persia; earning thereby the highest German order, and Knighthood, together with the nickname of "the German Lawrence."

Subsequently he opposed Col. T. E. Lawrence as chief of staff of the Turkish army operating east of the Jordan.

After the war it was he who, as A. D. C. to the minister of war, Gessler, went to Moscow to establish the secret German training units within the Red Army and remained in charge of them for eight years, until, in 1932, he came to Berlin to undertake the organisation of the academic side of German rearmament.

A favourite of Marshal von Blomberg and one of the few officers to join the Nazi party in the summer of 1933, he quickly realised the immense opportunities offered by it to an adventurous disposition like his own and threw himself with all his energy into the task of championing it both in the ranks of the army and in the academic world, meanwhile developing his institute into the principal centre of German military studies.

It was this soldier-scholar-politician who, in a lecture on the "Nord und Ostsee" delivered in March, 1937, in a course of lectures on the "strategic geography of oceans" at the Institut für Meereskunde at Berlin—published in the following year under the title of "Kleine Wehrgeographie des Weltmeeres"—adopted Admiral Wegener's ideas.

The manner in which he made clear, in carefully veiled yet utterly unmistakable language, Germany's interests in and demands upon her northern neighbours and her determination to take them under her protection in time of war, constitutes a masterpiece of tongue-in-the-cheek diplomacy.

"It," he said "during the World War the possibilities of an attack carried over sea against Germany were small, in the present era of air warfare, this northern front gains additional importance. Germany has therefore a vivid interest in the maintenance of the full and equal neutrality of the minor powers bordering upon these two northern seas, the free use of their territorial waters for her merchant shipping and the prevention of an extension of her defensive fronts in this direction. These states have been so long immune from attack that they do not constitute themselves a danger for us or allow somebody else to threaten us across them."

"They must however realise that questions of national existence have in the last resort to be solved by force. There is a series of strategically important positions in their possession, which in a war would constitute important objectives for a belligerent wishing to attack his opponent across them, but equally so for one merely wishing to defend himself against such an attack."

"I would like to mention here merely the South West Coast of Norway, the Danish-Swedish Narrows, Gotland and the Aaland Islands. If these states wish to protect their neutrality effectively, they must take care that its infringement should appear as a real risk to an aggressor. That, however, to-day is the case only with a few amongst them and only with great qualifications. Their measures of coast defence are largely wholly inadequate."

"And one more point: the political attitude of the governments and peoples concerned is of vital importance in determining a truly neutral attitude. That National Socialist Germany has reason for serious misgivings in this respect anybody who reads the Baltic and Nordic Press will realise. As for the importance of Holland's position in aerial strategy, so much has been written upon it that it is merely necessary to touch upon it here."

Here then, three years before Ribbentrop's White Book, we find the whole case for the occupation of these countries on the plea of their connivance with an enemy of Germany developed in advance by one of the officers in the closest contact with the heads of the German War Machine, with a subtlety of implication that shows clearly how far the German Defence Forces had travelled from the blunt frankness of the World War.

Surrey Hide-out

The countryside round London isn't the haven of rest and quiet it used to be. But at least we can offer harassed Londoners more space in which to dodge the bombs. An opportunity to escape for a few hours from that feeling of being shut up in the metropolis with bombers overhead, brings visitors for the

By Peter Lyne

night to our Surrey cottage even though, judging by past experience, we are just as likely to be bombed as they are in Kensington or Maida Vale.

When we show a visitor the spare room, instead of pointing proudly to the dahlia bed, we now draw attention to the copse up the lane. "There's a batch of unexploded bombs behind it," we explain. "So don't be alarmed if there's a big bang in that direction. We've been assured we are out of range of damage."

We add there was another bunch of time bombs about the same distance away on the other side of the house, but they went off yesterday. We then acquaint our visitor with the nightly routine of a rural air raid warden's post, and try to give him a rough idea of what he may hear so that even if he is awakened, his rest shall be as little disturbed as possible.

We describe how twilight is an awkward hour. Enemy planes try to sneak round to an armament factory about five miles away before searchlight beams become effective. It was in this between-light that several machines attacked our little village recently, dropping twelve bombs, demolishing a number of workmen's cottages, but miraculously causing only one minor casualty.

In this attack incendiary bombs were also scattered in the fields and I had my first experience of putting them out. Jim, farmhand from up the road, was so excited he couldn't work the stirrup pump handle.

"Try a bit of dirt," he said as nothing but air came out of the nozzle. So we scooped earth over the sputtering lumps of white-hot magnesium, and they went out quite quickly. George

Wapshott, dashing about on a bicycle, without any illumination and balancing a fire extinguisher on his handlebars, was voted afterwards to have been almost as terrifying as the bombs.

Around 9.30 we have to admit enemy planes are usually passing over our house in more or less constant succession and there may be a good deal of noise from gunfire and bombs. Ten o'clock ought to be the visitor's bedtime, since he needs a good night's rest, but that's the time the head warden usually telephones me to look around for unexploded bombs.

At 11 o'clock the police have a habit of phoning to ask if any bombs have been located. Also, my wife may be called out at any time, complete with tin hat and A.R.P. regalia, to act as messenger, using our car.

If bombs drop while she is away complications are such, we warn our visitor, he might be called on for assistance. The dogs must be stopped barking, a quick decision made on whether to wake the four children and marshal them in the supposedly safest room—the hall. Watch must be kept outside for "incidents."

Midnight dog-exercise is an opportunity for a good look round, for another view of London fireworks, a thought for the Londoners themselves, and occasionally a reassuring chat with nearby cottage folk anxiously staying up long past their normal bed-time. Going to bed ourselves is a lingering process, protracted by a sense of duty. Thereafter our head warden calls up by phone only in an emergency. Mostly we sleep though the drone of planes, the thump of guns, and the crash of bombs continues.

Our visitor usually sleeps, too, especially if they are used to nights in shelters and the close-up boom of the London barrage.

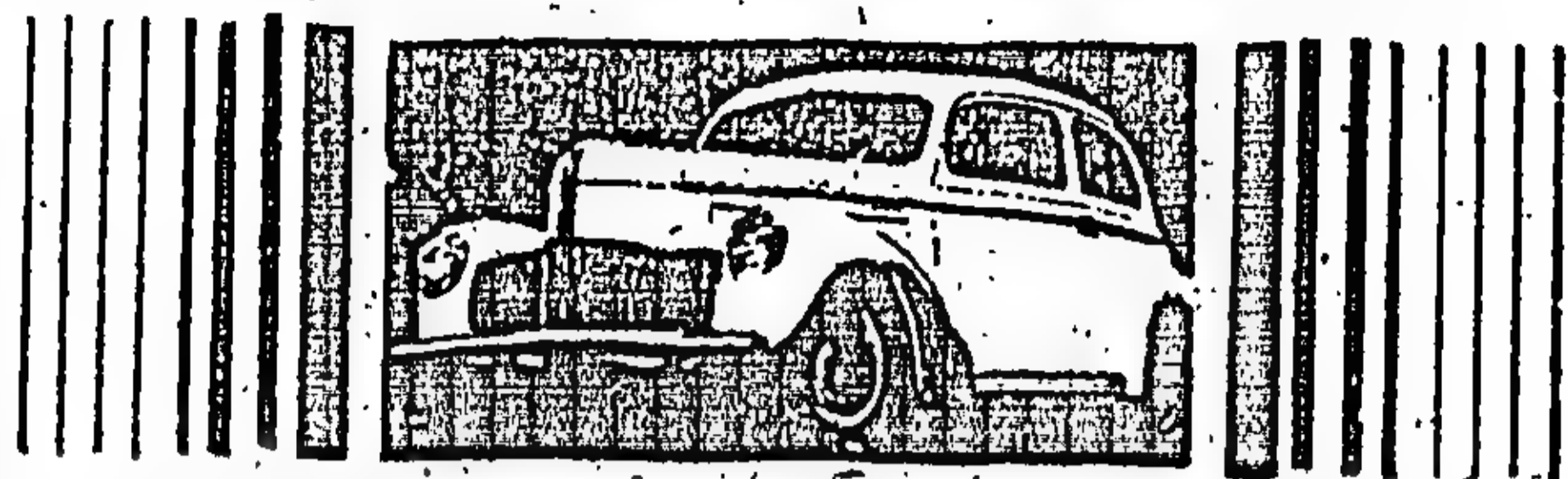
We can't any longer offer quiet broken only by the song of the nightingales, but we can offer a bed in a cottage, a hide-out in a Surrey lane far from the giant metropolis.

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BOMB STRIKES A CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

(By A Special Correspondent)

EVERY BABY was found asleep in its cot after the bombing of a maternity hospital during night murder raids on London. Nurses Joan Jeffes and Joan Bentley, two of the nurses who rushed from their own wrecked quarters to help get the babies to safety, told me:

"When we got to their ward on the ground floor their blankets were sprinkled with broken glass and covered in debris. But when we managed to uncover them, every baby was asleep."

These two nurses, who had escorted the patients and babies in A.R.P. ambulances to an evacuation hospital through the night, were still wearing pyjamas, dressing-gowns and slippers as they went through London streets at midday the next day.

The nurses' home, in which they were sleeping when the bombs fell, is too dangerous to enter. Their possessions are buried in it.

Ten minutes after the bomb fell a man in pyjamas, a coat thrown over his shoulders, rushed up to the entrance.

"Are you all right, Lil?" he yelled. A woman wrapped in blankets, carrying a tiny bundle in each arm, answered: "Don't worry. I've got them both here. They're safe, dad."

These were the parents of the hospital's newly born twins.

The theatre where the youngest had been born six hours previously is wrecked. Window frames have been thrown across the table. Masonry covers the floor.

The remains of a wrecked crib lies on top of a pile of debris. A row of bottles stands intact—the only thing in that room which remains in order.

"My twins, Jimmy and Rhea, were under my bed when the bomb fell," said Mrs. Lily Hanley, whose home is near the hospital. "I heard a tremendous explosion and covered my head with the bed clothes."

"We Stay For . . ."

"Even that didn't prevent me from being blinded for a moment by the dust which filled the air."

"I thought we were finished."

I watched the mothers being carried on stretchers to the ambulance which was to take them to a hospital in a safer area.

They were all laughing and joking—even one whose face was badly scratched and bruised.

"Anyone would think they were going to Brighton for the day," said the driver.

"I'd just like to get my hands on Hitler for five minutes. I'd pay him for this," said Mrs. Rose Parsons.

"Two minutes would do for me," smiled another mother.

Said the hospital secretary:

"The nurses were wonderful." The placard—"WE STAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED US"—still rests undamaged above the hospital.

A.R.P. WARDEN INSPECTION DATE CHANGE

It is announced in connection with the inspection of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens by His Excellency, The Acting Governor, that owing to unforeseen circumstances it will not be possible for His Excellency to inspect the corps on Sunday, 22nd December. The inspection will therefore take place on Saturday, 21st December 1940 at 3:30 p.m.

The Chief Air Raid Warden, Hong Kong, appeals to all employers of labour who have on their Staffs Air Raid Wardens to give them every facility for attending the parade.

SOUVENIRS WARNING

It is an offence to collect souvenirs from enemy planes brought down in Britain. Chichester magistrates warned the public.

The Chief Constable, Mr. E. W. Savage, emphasised that immediately they land these planes become the property of the Air Ministry, and no unauthorised person has any right to touch them.

William George Gough, a gardener, of Bosham, was fined £1 for stealing an oxygen cylinder from a plane which crashed and the magistrates made it known that future cases would be dealt with more severely.

The cylinder was valued at £4 5s.

Gough told a constable he thought it was an incendiary bomb, and when the constable called at his house he found the cylinder in a bucket of water in the garden.

THEY FOUND UNEXPLODED BOMB OF LAST WAR

Digging in a Rams-gate garden, where they were installing an Anderson shelter, Corporation employees stopped work abruptly when they came across an unexploded bomb.

A bomb disposal unit of the R.E.s hurried to the scene and brought to the surface a small bomb dropped in the last war.

"It was of the 25lb. type, and should have exploded on contact," said the N.C.O. in charge. "It must have been lying there for nearly twenty-five years."

ARP HEROES OF '2ND DUNKIRK'

Working in a district which has been bombed so frequently that it has become known as the "little Dunkirk" of London, five A.R.P. wardens are now the heroes of their district.

Their sector is thirty-to-forty streets and in a fortnight thirty-seven H.E. bombs have fallen on it.

Not a house remains undamaged. The wardens are homeless. Yet they continue their patrols.

"Last night a huge bomb blew up the last remaining houses undamaged in our sector," Mr. Clayton, Post Warden, told a reporter.

"When I arrived on the scene, less than two minutes after the explosion, I found they were already doing rescue work."

"Every one of them deserves the George Cross."

Several people were killed by this bomb.

A warden, Edward Benmore, nineteen, and his fiancée, Peggy Bartlett, seventeen, were killed when their Anderson was hit.



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Unvictorian perhaps, but love flourished in the Gay Nineties too, as Jeannette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy indicate in this scene from "Bitter Sweet," picturisation of the Noel Coward operetta, their seventh co-starring vehicle.

ALL-CHINA PHOTO EXHIBITS

(By "Paul Pry")

The second All-China Exhibition of Photography, under the auspices of the Photographic Society of Hong Kong, opens in the Peacock Lounge, First Floor, Exchange Building, to-day and will remain open until including Sunday next.

One hundred photographs of an almost universally high standard are being exhibited and will be of interest to professional, amateur and novice alike.

Despite the impact of battles and wars, the standard of the exhibition is fully up to that set by the first All-China exhibition held last year, although restrictions and other factors have forced photographers more towards indoor photography, so that portraiture and character studies occupy a major section in the exhibit.

Most of the 30 photographers are resident in Hong Kong, but 24 prints were contributed by Shanghai photographers and are of an equally high standard. As was the case last year, 50 of the best photographs are being sent home for display by the Royal Photographic Society as an indication of the strength of pictorial photography in China. Copies, and in some cases the actual originals, of most of the photographs displayed can be purchased.

It is difficult to pick out more than a few outstanding exhibits for special mention. Somewhat strangely, there is only one "nude" on display—"Le Dos," by Liu Shu Chong. This has been exhibited at Home and is reported to have attracted a great deal of favourable comment.

Personally, we thought it as bad an example of nude photography as we have seen in a long time—an uninteresting back and stern-shoulders, truncated arm, hand growing out of a neck, ugly wrinkles at the bottom of a foot, and so on. Its redeeming feature is the modelling of the back, and Mr. Liu is to be congratulated on the handling of his lights; this is really well done, but in our estimation the other faults, particularly those of composition, far outweigh the sole good feature.

"Impact"

Among the most interesting prints are two by Sam Tata, of Shanghai, who, besides turning in excellently composed pictures with plenty of what someone calls "impact," achieves a degree of glossiness on the prints that is little short of amazing.

Tata's work, incidentally, is among the best in the show. He has a three-quarter character study, entitled "A Prince of his People," which contains practically nothing to which the carping critic could point an annoying digit, and much to interest both the layman and the professional.

To our mind, one of the outstanding head studies is "Autumn Sunshine," by O. Griffiths, who is a soldier with the Royal Corps of Signals. The detail and the lighting of this particular exhibit are almost perfect, and we were glad to note that this picture bears the "gold star" that signifies it is among the 50 to be sent home for exhibition.

An interesting exhibit, and one that will puzzle many laymen, is "After the Tang Masters," by Chin San Long, A.R.P.S. Mr. Chin bases his work on the paintings of the Chinese old masters and by clever use of paper negatives and a brush, achieves an effect in black and white with landscapes that, save in matter of size and colour, makes the finished product look just like the scrolls that hang on the walls of many a Chinese home.

He was not so happy in his choice of a "mesh" for his "Spring Tracery," a study of the limb and branches of a tree. Photographically, the picture is an excellent one, but the lines of the mesh show up very unfortunately on the large expanses of sky and at a casual glance it looks as though the negative suffered from reticulation.

Francis Wu, who is very well known both at Home and in

BOMB KILLS 3 IN CELLAR IN NORTH-EAST

MORE THAN a hundred German planes took part in the widespread raids on Britain which ended in the All Clear signal in London just as dawn was breaking. Fifty planes, operating singly, approached London from the south and circled over the Metropolitan area. The others concentrated on a north-eastern district which they raided for several hours, dropping heavy bombs.

Three people sheltering in a cellar were killed by wreckage when a high explosive bomb hit some business premises in a north-east town. They were Mrs. Sarah Thomson, her son, Leslie, and her sister, Elizabeth Ingle.

Air-raid warden R. F. Hobley was electrocuted in a south-east town.

He was using a stirrup pump on a fire when an electric cable burnt his hands badly. He died in hospital.

Two wardens who went out to investigate a light in the London area were injured by a whistling bomb which fell near. One had a broken arm, the other had a piece of shrapnel in his leg.

Five Nazi airmen who had been raiding London, were caught after A.A. guns hit their Dornier 17. The plane fell on two bungalows, but the occupants were in shelters.

A farm hand, aged sixty-seven, was the only occupant of a farmhouse which was almost wrecked by a heavy bomb. He was unhurt.

At one time four bombers were caught by searchlights in different parts of the sky. One of them, immediately he was picked up, jettisoned all his bombs.

Plastered by anti-aircraft fire this plane went finally into a vertical dive and disappeared.

Tried To Escape - Died

A lorry driver named King was machine-gunned from the air in one town and seriously injured.

Four men were injured by bombs which fell near hutments in a field on the outskirts of a village.

Four bombs fell in a residential district of a London suburb breaking windows and blowing in doors of several houses.

Charles White, sixty, was killed when a heavy bomb struck a house, but his wife and two other occupants were dug out alive by A.R.P. squads.

White had only left the Essex coast a month ago to live in a London suburb in the hope of avoiding the ordeal of continuous air warfare.

A Midland town had its third air raid on successive nights. Waves of bombers dropped high explosive and hundreds of incendiaries.

America, has several photographs on exhibit, but most of them are not up to his usual standard of excellence. The reason for this is perhaps rather simple—He has had so many of his best photographs exhibited that he felt he simply had to show some new work—and he has been so busy lately that he did not have time to really get properly into the mood of things!

An A.R.P.S.

A few days ago, incidentally, Wu received the glad news he had been made an A.R.P.S., a signal honour when one realises that he joined the Royal Photographic Society only last June. The Photographic Society of Hong Kong now has two A.R.P.S.s, the other being Walter Clark, whose "Dawn," curiously enough, almost seems to reproduce better in the catalogue than it does in the original!

Space precludes going into further analysis of the prints, but among the other outstanding exhibits are "The Sentinel," "A Solemn Stillness Holds," by R. A. Bates (who has a number of excellent prints on exhibit and one terrible effort entitled "Sophisticated Lady," a still life, "From the Garden," by Francis Wu; "A Misty Day," by Lo Tih Cho; Lau Cho Chak's famous "Smoke," a study of junks and smoke; and Chin San Long's "Monk's Paradise" and "Amidst the Clouds."

Incidentally, the exhibition charges no entrance fee—and there is no collection!

BOMBS DROPPED ON ESSEX COAST

Later reports of enemy air activity show that yesterday afternoon bombs were also dropped at a place on the Essex coast, says an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique. Several houses were damaged and a few casualties caused. — British Wireless.



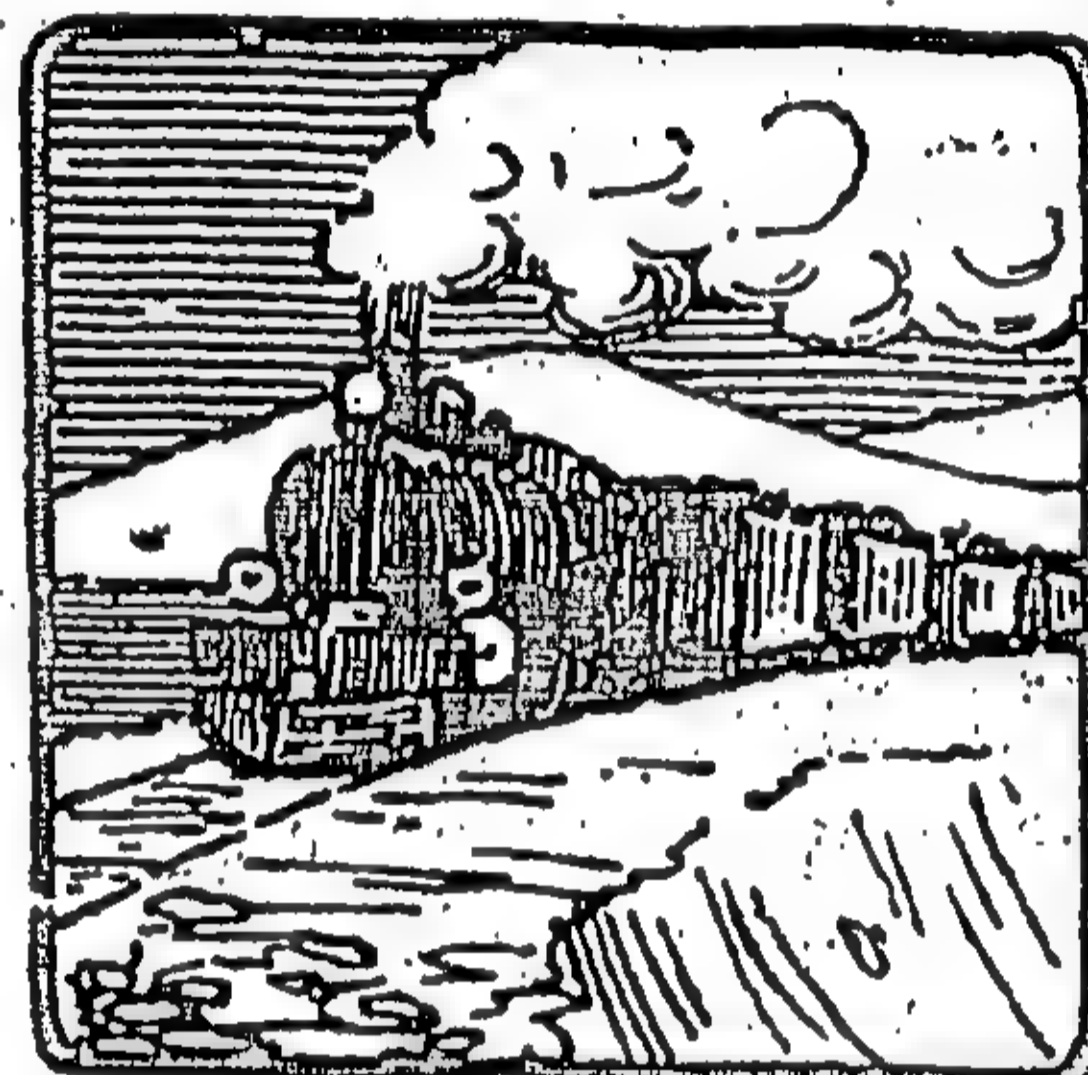
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♠ A 5
♥ 7 6 3
♦ Q 5 4
♣ A K J 10 5
♠ J 9 7 6 2
♥ K
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 8 7 4 3
♠ 10 4
♥ J 8 2
♦ A K J 9
♣ 2
♠ K Q 8 3
♥ A Q 10 9 5 4
♦ 7 6
♣ Q

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	1♥	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the ten of diamonds, East over-aking with the Jack in order to make sure of col. nuing the suit. South ruffed the third diamond with the ten of trumps, relieved when West followed suit. Now South could afford to lose one trump — but not two. His safest play was to lay down the Ace of trumps at once — and that, to his gratification, dropped West's blank king. It was then a simple matter to enter dummy with the spade Ace to finesse through East's Jack of hearts.

Now look at the other side of the picture. Suppose South plays the hand thoughtlessly by going over to the spade Ace to make the first trump play from the dummy. The finesse of the heart Queen loses to West's King and South then regains the lead.

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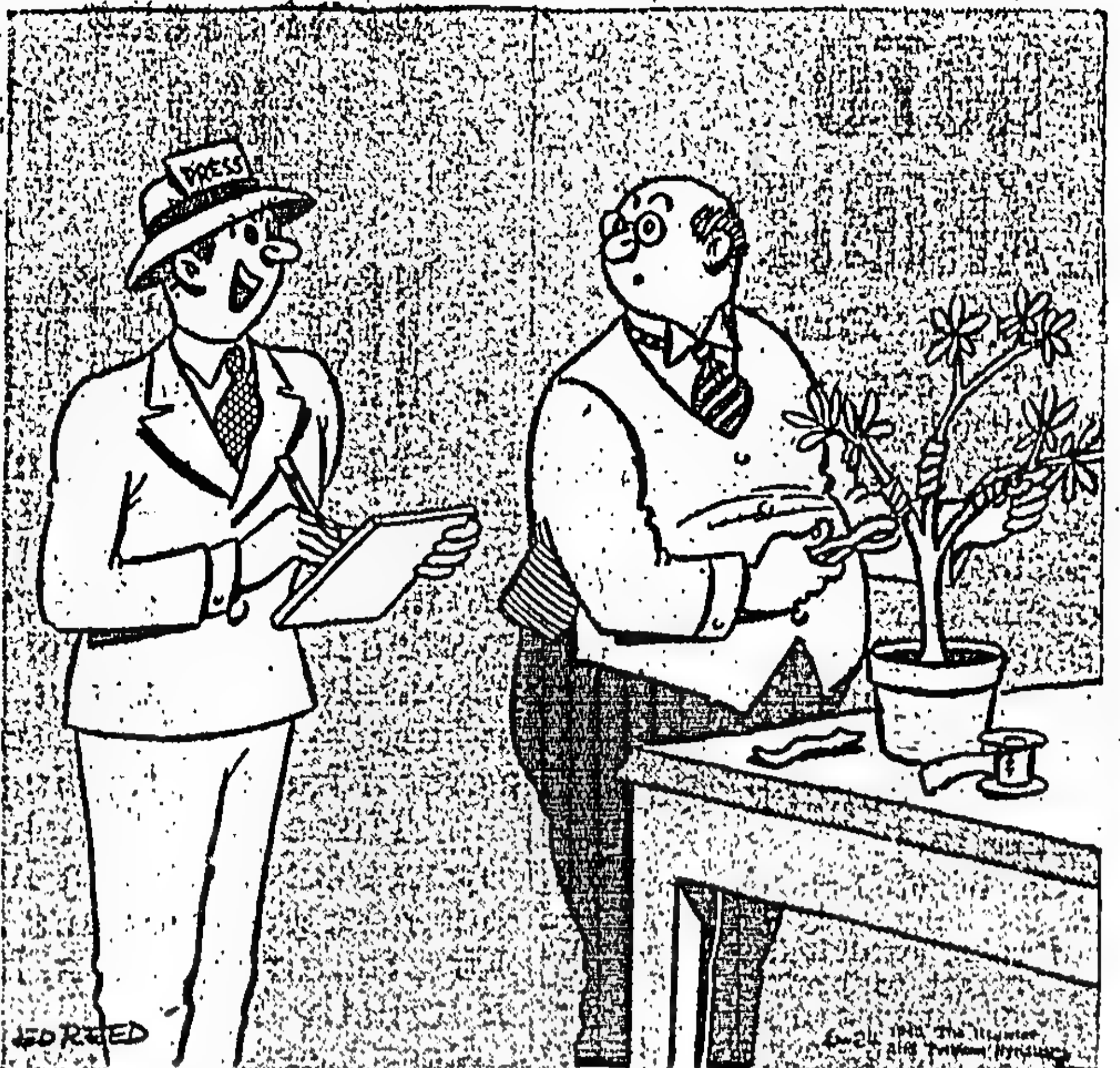
♠ A Q 6 5 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 5
♣ J 6 3 2

The bidding:
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1♥ Pass 1♠ 2♥
3♣ 4♥ (?)

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♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ K 4 3
♣ 2

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1♠ 2♣ Dbl. Pass
(?)

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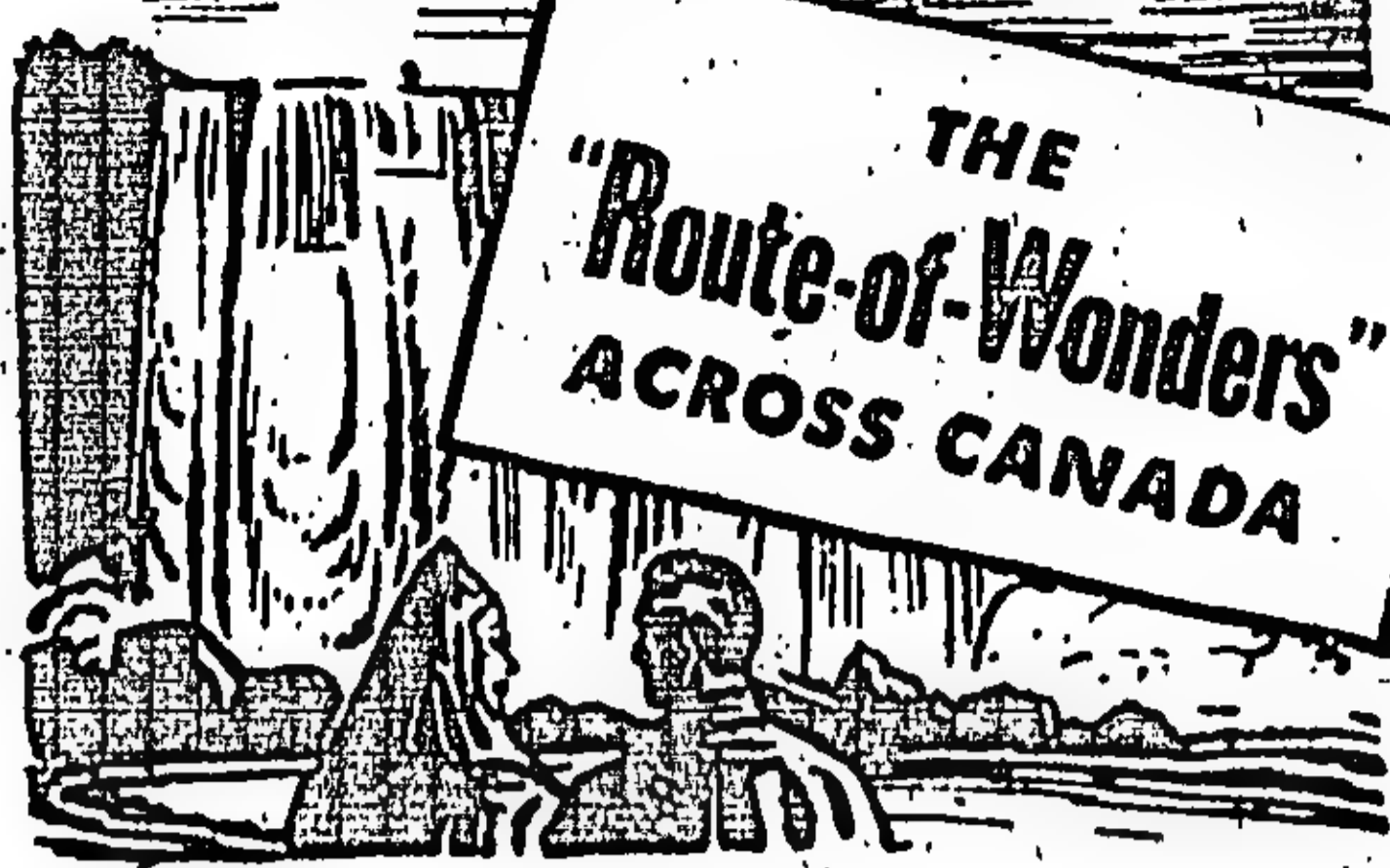
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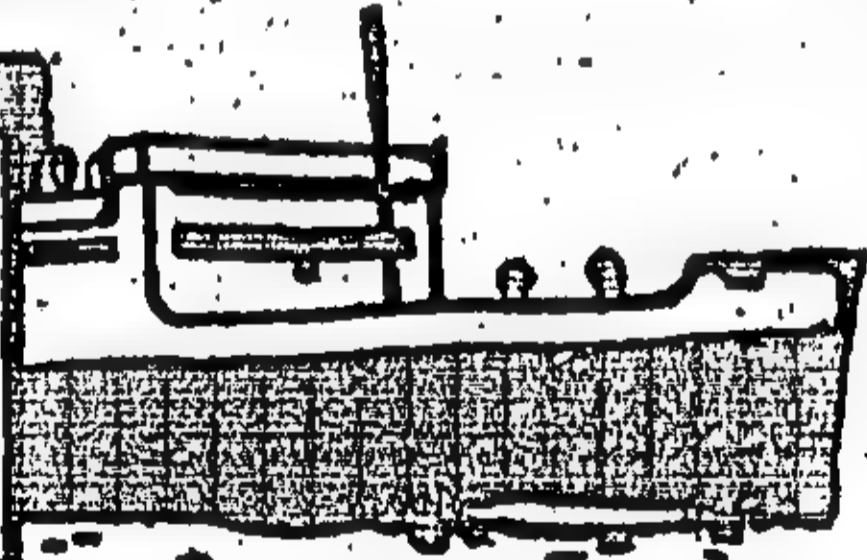
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1.15 p.m.—Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 92 in G Major ("Oxford").

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2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Liberty Hall" Variety.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Concert by Paradise Islanders.

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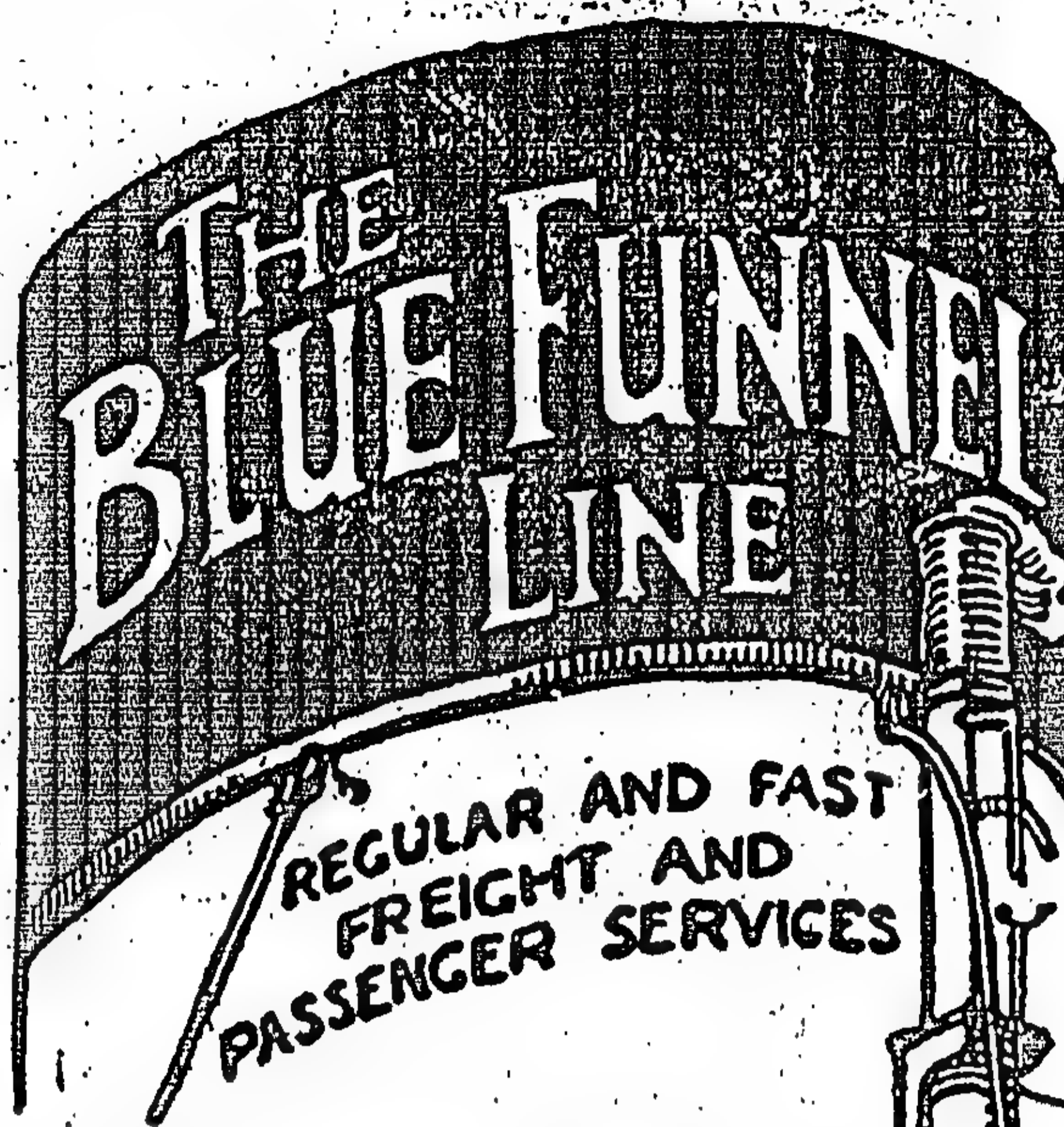
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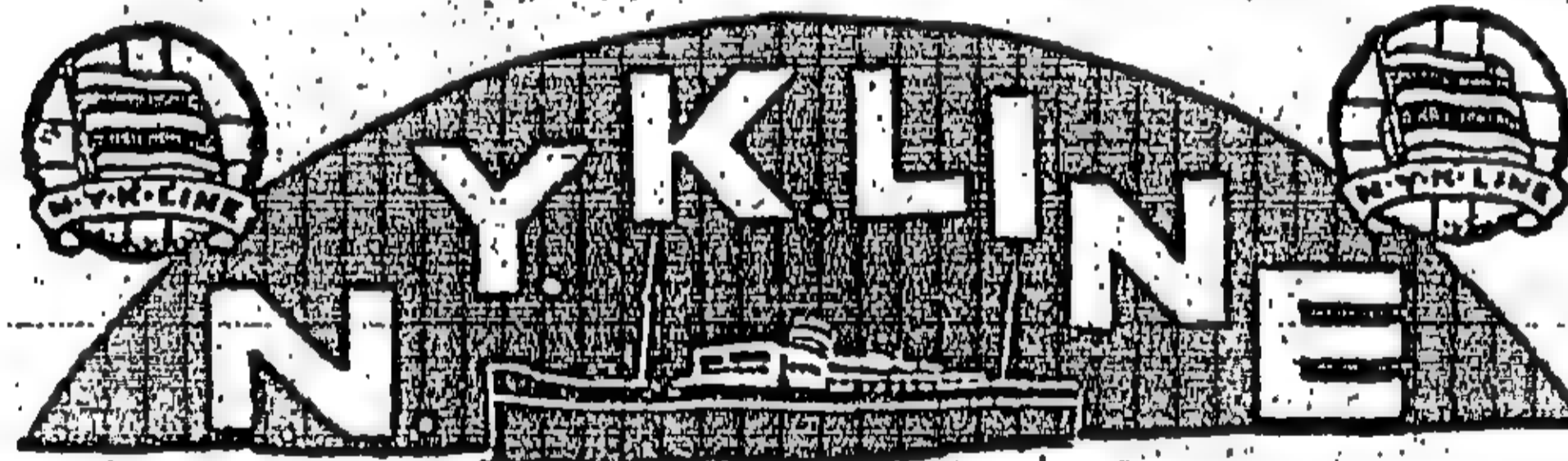
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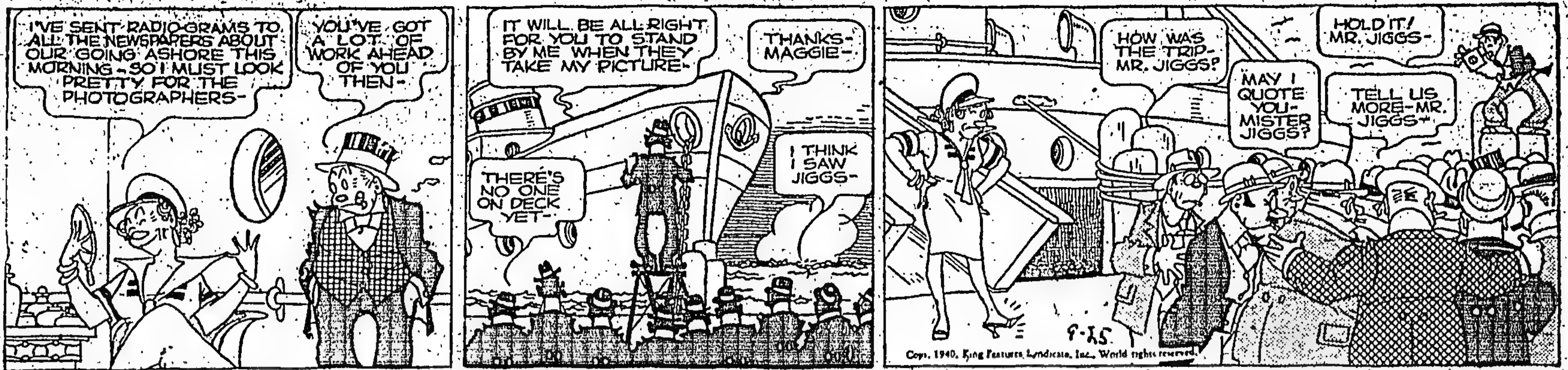
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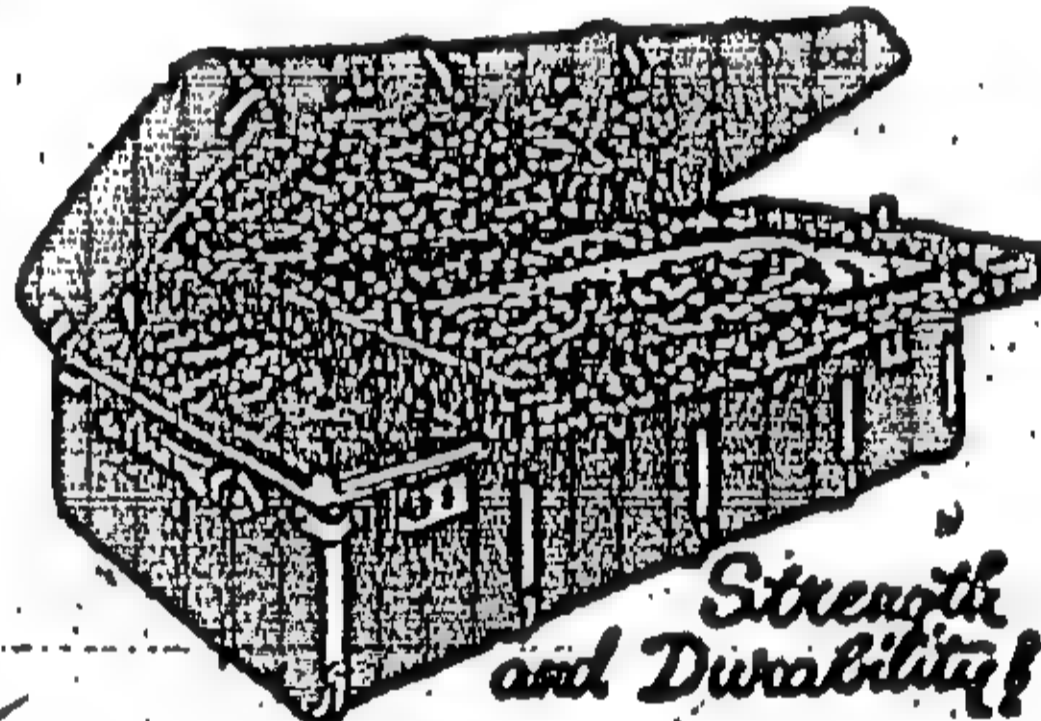
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The first of these vessels to call at Hong Kong will be the s.s. "Zoella Lykes". Temporary schedule provides for this vessel to sail from Hong Kong on January 29th, arriving at San Francisco on February 12th, at Los Angeles on February 14th and at New York on March 2nd.

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SOFTBALL

Tommy Chan's Late Homer Gives Chinese Close Win

Ruel And Leight Also In Great Form

Saints Only Just Beat Canadians

By "Grandstand"

HIGHLIGHTED BY A homer in the last frame, which clinched the decision for the Chinese Baseballers; the formidable Hong Kong Baseballers were nosed out by 8-7, thereby losing the League leadership after holding it since their sensational win over the Recreio Aces.

Besides this last-inning four-master, by Chinese first-sacker Tommy Chan, Henry "Crooner" Ruel clouted a pair of four-baggers for the Liumen, whilst the Waggonermen replied with Lou Leight's round-tripper in the sixth. All four round trippers were made with none aboard.

In the absence of Maxie Edwards, "Screwball" Jones toed the rubber for the Mohawk tribe, but it was not the same Jones that had the Indians tamed last week, as he was connected for 11 safeties, of which three were homers, but conceded only one pass without any strikeouts.

Ruel's three in four trips to the plate, just about won the ball game for the Liumen. Tuffy Chinn, working on the slab for the Chinese Baseballers, yielded two singles, fanned one, but passed two, and was relieved in the beginning of the second by George White, after stopping Lou Leight's mile-a-second bullet liner which nearly blasted his left eye out! The swiftness of the ball can be gauged by the fact that it smacked Chinn and bounced right across first base before anybody knew what happened. Toiling on the mound for the rest of the game, White won his first pitching assignment, conceding seven blows, of which five were bunched up in the sixth for four Waggoner markers, and handed out no less than five free tickets to first. Six Liumen were left stranded on the bases compared to the eight Waggonermen who died on the sacks.

First Blood

The Chinese Baseballers drew first blood in the initial frame when "Crooner" Ruel homered after two down. In the Hong Kong Baseballers' half of the innings, Reardon, Hearther and Fitch choked the sacks on a fielder's choice, a hit and a walk to threaten with one out. Jones dump forced Reardon at the home-plate for the second erasure, whilst Frank Crews grounded out to first to end the uprising.

In spite of the fact that they had ducks in the pond in the sec-

ond stanza, the Chinese Baseballers were blanked, Joe Fisher and Howard Lee failing to come through with a safety.

Taking advantage of two wild Chinese heaves, the Mohawks scored three times with a hit in the third to take the lead, but the Chinese produced two tallies in the third to knot the count. In the fourth, both sides were retired in one, two, three order, but Ruel's second four-bagger of the day in the fifth broke the tie.

Fireworks

The fireworks started in the sixth, when the Chinese dented the counting station with a splurge of three runs, the first on Wally Ching's sacrifice to deep centre, whilst left-fielder Frank Sperry's first fumble of the season, after two were out cost the Hong Kong Baseballers two expensive runs.

Staging a late rally, the Waggonermen nicked White for five blows, scoring four times to knot the count once more.

Coming into the last semester, Earl Wong filed out to Fitch.

Excitement was reaching fever pitch when Tommy Chan next at bat, socked Jones' floater right on the nose. Gardener Sperry was still looking for the ball out in the road when Chan romped over the plate with the winning run.

In the Hong Kong Baseballers last time with the stick, mentor Chuck Waggoner pinched run for Doc Molthen, who singled to centre to put the tying run on base with two down, but Joe Morris filed out for the game to end.

Saints' Narrow Win

In the other Senior League tilt, fielding a scratch nine, the Saints secured a narrow victory over the Canadians. Both sides bootied four times, but the Saints out-hit the Canucks to take the 5-2 decision. Geegee Lee, hurling for the Maple Leafs, although conceding seven safeties showed pretty good form and adopted the strategy of depending on his fielders; he was guilty of one wild pitch. Lee fanned one when he fooled Dave Leonard, the great Bambino, with his nothing ball. Manson on the slab for the Collegians also whiffed one, issued no walks, and only yielded four scattered blows.

Bill Ing and Cruz both batted safely twice in their three trips to take batting honours for the fracas.

The Saints opened the score first with five runs on five hits, whilst three errors in the third gave the Maple Leafs their only two runs. A peculiar feature of the game was that all the runs for both sides were scored in one inning, a string of goose eggs decorating the score-board for the other chapters.

Canuck Johnnie Delgado, created the surprise of the game by "limping" his hands on all the four files that came his way in the contro patch.

RECORD SET BY LILY SEQUEIRA!

By "Grandstand"

In the opener of the Ladies' League the Wildcats had an easy time handing out a 29-3 defeat to the Chung Hwa lassies. Thelma Collaco, chucking for the Untamed Felines, was in top form and pitched the first no-hitter of the season, having the Chung Hwa squad eating out of her hands. She fanned four but issued three free tickets to first.

Ella Chinn, on the mound for the losers, walked four but struck out none. Two-baggers were clouted by Irene "Slugger" Pereira and Mary Mar, whilst Doris Mar banged out a triple for the longest hit of the game.

A Massacre

The Cardinals massacred the Little Flowers 42-6 in spite of the fact that all the reserves were thrown into the game. Hurler Efigina Babida was in her usual good form, fanning two and walking two Florinhas, whilst Lily Silva, on the slab for the Florinhas, had little support from her team-mates, who booted 25 fielding chances, of which short-stop Lily Sequeira was responsible for 11 to smash all existing records for errors by any one player.

V. Rozario relieved Lily Silva in the later stages of the game and between them they walked four, the only strikeout being by Silva.

Of the 21 blows collected by the Redbirds, Kitty Bush was good for five in her three trips, whilst Faladona and June Hall both batted safely four times in seven. Doubles were made by Bush, Faladona, Hall and Babida, but Florinha Socorro Sequeira banged the only triple of the tilt.

Slugging Spree

The Canadian Chinese overwhelmed the Baby Panthers, by 11-3 in a slugging spree in which the Maple Leafs connected Lella Xavier, Pantherette hurler, for 11 safeties, including Alice Mar and Ullan Khoo's ruthian wallops with none on the sacks on both occasions.

Playing almost errorless ball, the Canuckettes returned to their pennant-winning form of last season, hurler Mary Ng pitching a two-hitter, fanning six, but letting two Panthers get to first on balls.

The Baby Panthers started well enough, Norma Silva's homer in the first scoring Hilda Soares ahead of her, but a double-killing soon dampened their enthusiasm.

With the exception of the third inning, in which the Panthers scored one more run on a hit and an error; they were shut out in one, two, three order for the rest of the game.

Batting honours go to Ullan Khoo, who made good four times in five, whilst Alice Mar and Rene Yuen also batted safe three in five.

FANS WANT UMPIRE REINSTATED

Muskegon fans have launched a movement to have the Michigan State League reinstate Umpire Bob Williams, who was fired after an altercation with Hurler Grimes. Judge Landis fined the circuit \$500 for firing Williams.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

Ladies' League

	Games	W.	L.	Pct.
Canadian Chinese	6	0	1,000	
Wildcats	5	0	1,000	
Wahoos	4	2	.667	
Baby Panthers	4	3	.571	
Cardinals	3	3	.500	
Recreio Ramblers	2	4	.333	
Chung Hwa	0	6	.000	
Little Flowers	0	6	.000	

Senior League

St. Joseph's	5	1	.833
H.K. Baseballers	5	2	.714
Cyclones	4	2	.667
Chinese Baseballers	3	2	.600
Recreio Aces	2	2	.500
Indians	2	3	.400
Filipinos	1	4	.200
Canadian Chinese	0	6	.000

Junior League

Chung Hwa	3	0	1,000
Recreio Bees	4	1	.800
Cosmos	3	1	.750
R.A.F.	3	1	.750
V.B.C.	2	1	.667
Liga Portuguesa	2	2	.500
Royal Scots	2	2	.500
South China	1	1	.500
Central British	1	4	.200
8th R.A.	1	5	.167
Royal Engineers	0	4	.000

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AROMIN'S CHALLENGE TO COLLINS

The Sports Editor, "China Mail."

Sir,—I have been approached by a promoter who asked if I was prepared to stake my feather and bantam weight titles against Len Collins should he, the promoter, be able to arrange the fight.

There is nothing I would like better than to meet Collins in the ring, over 15 three-minute rounds. I would suggest that a percentage of the gate receipts be devoted to the Bomber Fund, and as I understand Collins is also looking for a real honest-to-goodness fight, I hope he will be prepared to take me on the same terms, that is, winner takes all.

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"Young" Aromin

CRAIGENGOWER SELECTIONS

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. in a friendly cricket match against Kowloon C.C. on Saturday at the latter ground at 2 p.m.

G. Souza (Capt.), A. M. Omar, J. W. Leonard, B. J. Billmorin, A. Hulse, E. A. Lee, A. B. Hanson, B. I. Iranee, W. Hong Sling, J. Youngsaye and A. H. Esmail. Reserves:—S. Leonard, O. M. Omar and U. H. Esmail.

Sunday's Game

The following will represent Craigengower on Sunday against the Royal Engineers at Sookun-poo, commencing at 11 a.m.

A. B. Hanson (Capt.), P. J. Billmorin, A. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, T. Edgar, H. L. Forman, A. J. Hulse, C. W. Lam, E. Mitchell, J. L. Youngsaye and S. Ramchand. Umpire, G. S. Ladd.

SPECTATORS FORCED TO WAIT

A football yarn out of England: "Fifteen thousand soccer followers were forced to wait impatiently at a recent football game which had been rudely interrupted by air-raid alarms."

SHELLS TROUNCE TEXACANS

By "Grandstand"

In the inter-hong "battle of the Oilers," the Shells shellacked the Texacans by 20-4, after indulging in a slug-fest, in which hurlers Lessan and Pereira were nipped for 21 safeties, which included Huckjai Kitchell's and Georgie Guterres' four bagger.

Henry "Tubby" de Sa and Wabby Wahab were good for triples, whilst Hal Winglee and Bimby Ablong were also good for a double apiece. Thompson's three-bagger off Winglee, who took over mound duties from Bimby Ablong in the fifth, was the only extra-base clout for the Texacans. The only double-killing of the fray was when Kitchell snared Lefevre's line-drive over second to toss Davis out at first. Two splurges of runs, totalling 14 for the first two stanzas, salted away the game away for the Shells, after which they just went through the movements to garner five more runs.

The first Texaco score came in the third on two successive hits by Charlie Ng Chun-wah and Steve Ozorio. In the sixth, Thompson dented the counting station once more on Larry Lawrence's timely single to short centre.

Lacas Win

In the other tilt, the Lacas trounced the Green Spots by 8-3, after being held scoreless for the first two innings. A. B. Hassan toed the rubber for the Orange Squashers, but was connected freely.

The Green Spots were without the services of Stan Leonard, whose hitting was badly missed, while A. K. Omar's fielding would have been more effective had he not indulged in too much grandstand!

Nazarin on the mound for the Lacas was well supported by his mates, limiting the opposition to only three hard earned runs.

GUNNERS' FIRST WIN

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior circuit, the 8th R.A. provided the upsur of the week by shading the Central Britshers 7-6 and gaining their first points to climb out of the cellar, which is now occupied by the Sappers.

Drabby Payne homered for the Artillerymen whilst the Gunners' battery of MacLean and Butler proved too good for the Central Britshers.

In the other game, the Victorians climbed three storeys in the League standing by downing the Sappers with a scratch team. Jock Brown pitched for the winners.

GOLF

CAPTAIN'S CUP DRAW

The following is the draw for the Captain's Cup competition, match play stages, of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

First round matches must be completed on or before December 20; second round January 10, 1941 third round February 9; semi-finals March 2; and final March 16.

Bye into second round:—M. L. Reidy (17) v T. Megarry (9); A. W. Bourne (9) v W. S. Hillier (10); W. W. C. Shewan (8) v T. Low (12); J. Linaker (15).

First Round:—A. J. Dennis (10) v S. L. Lloyd (10); K. S. Robertson (6) v G. Thomerson (20); A. B. Purves (10) v H. A. Mills (17).

Bye into second round:—J. W. Clague (16) v F. A. Howard (17); A. H. McBride (12) v H. Overy (18); G. M. Park (7) v F. C. Young (14).

Jack Clement, ice-hockey star at Harvard, who was reported killed at Amiens where he was a member of an American ambulance unit, and awarded the Croix de Guerre "posthumously," has gone on to Switzerland for a job with the International Red Cross.



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BADMINTON LEAGUE OPENING

Four "B" Division Matches Down For Decision

K'loon Tong's Form Will Be Watched With Great Interest

By "Adrem"

THE ONLY "A" DIVISION MATCH DOWN FOR DECISION ON MONDAY HAVING BEEN POSTPONED ON THE INSTIGATION OF RECREIO, WHO HAD MOST OF THEIR PLAYERS AT CAMP, THE BADMINTON LEAGUE SEASON OF 1940/1 STARTS OFFICIALLY TO-DAY WITH A PROGRAMME OF TWO MATCHES IN EITHER SECTION OF "B" DIVISION.

I cannot see any fixture providing fare likely to be very inspiring except for Recreio's match with Chung Wah, which should be very interesting.

I have the Recreio line-up and I must say it does not look nearly as impressive as I expected it to be. E. A. R. Alves, who was in Swatow last year, is back again and with P. A. Yvanovich, Jr., whom I believe, has improved quite a lot, will probably constitute the Portuguese first string.

Veteran A. E. Xavier will be partnered by jockey Paul Botelho, whom I have not seen in action. I understand that although he is very fast he is not very experienced. R. M. Soares and A. E. Noronha should do fairly well although until they have been seen in match-play their current form will be hard to estimate.

W. C. Choy Not Playing

Chung Wah will not, after all have the services of W. C. Choy, former St. Andrew's player, and, on his day one of the best in the Colony. It appears that Choy, like so many others, has acquired a taste for roller-skating which has claimed him for a victim—he has strained his back and will not be able to turn out for some time.

I have not been able to secure the line-up of the team but from the players selected a pretty formidable combination should be got together.

This match will be played at Recreio, as Chung Wah have not a court of their own, and will start at 6.30.

E. Zimmermann For K.C.C.

The K.C.C. team, as originally selected, looked fairly useful but Camp has affected them in that Ernie Zimmermann, who, although not very well known to League badminton, is a player of some experience. He was due to partner J. L. Anderson and should do well in subsequent matches.

A. L. Fisher, the K.C.C. captain, had not found a substitute yesterday morning as Zulaut, another possible player, is suffering from tennis elbow and there is not much talent available, these players excepting.

The first K.C.C. pair will be A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, who met with some success last season and should now be ripe to reap the benefit of the experience then gained.

Third pair will be A. E. P. Guest, another former St. Andrew's player, and H. S. Jones, who was coming along nicely towards the end of last season.

Unless Police have some dark horses they should not beat the better-balanced K.C.C. team, notwithstanding the fact that W. Gilles, the Colony junior champion, will be playing.

Prospective Champions

Kowloon Tong's appearance against St. Andrew's will be watched with interest as they are expected to have a big say in the current championship.

Frank Kwok, formerly of St. John's, will pair off with Richard Lee and the latter's aggression, combined with Kwok's powers of recovery and vast experience should make this combination an exceedingly difficult one to beat.

The old St. Teresa's partnership of Peter Lo and Joseph Tsang will comprise the second string and they should always be good for a couple of games at least. The third pair has been given to me

as the Chan brothers. There is a possibility that they are the newcomers from Malaya I have heard so much about recently or again they may be Francis Tsang and John Chen, who also played for St. Teresa's last year.

St. Andrew's will, sadly, miss Gilles, whose absence will split up what was fast becoming the strongest combination in the club—his partnership with Brown. They will again have to rely upon the old firm of Fincher and Kew and I am confident that this pair will not fail for want of trying.

V.R.C. had not decided on their line-up yesterday afternoon but whoever they produce I still cannot see them beating King's College, who have all their old players with the addition of K. J. Attwell, the Civil Service cricketer, who is on the staff at the College. Attwell tells me he has not played for some time but the experience which he should gain in these opening matches should stand him in good stead later on.

Programme And Teams

Following is the programme and some of the teams—

"A" SECTION
V. R. C. v. King's College
Chung Wah v. Recreio

"B" SECTION
K. C. C. v. Police
Kowloon Tong v. St. Andrew's
Recreio v. E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich, Jr.; A. E. Xavier and P. Botelho; R. M. Soares and A. E. Noronha.

St. Andrew's—E. Fincher and H. Kew; A. E. Brown and M. Davies; A. S. Bliss and V. R. J. Merrett; Kowloon Tong—Frank Kwok and Richard Lee; Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; Chan Brothers.

Police—A. R. S. Major and W. Gilles; J. MacDonald and J. Gordon; H. Dinsdale and C. Y. Siu.

Chung Wah—From W. H. Choy, P. C. Leung, C. F. Chiu, S. F. Lee, S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu.

K.C.C.—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; J. L. Anderson and S. O. Elso; A. E. P. Guest and F. J. Jones.

King's College—S. P. Chan and K. L. Lui; W. C. Chung and K. J. Attwell; K. H. Lo and P. Lam.

SAPPERS' INJURIES

Royal Engineers, who found it necessary to make several changes last week in their game against Navy owing to injuries, are still uncertain of their team against Kowloon on Saturday.

Palmer, their right back, and Chan Kum-poy, inside right, are still on the injured list and it is probable that they will not be available on Saturday. T. Jones will then play in place of Palmer and N. Jones will take up the centre-forward berth, with Fox, their regular leader, at inside right.

In spite of any changes, Sappers should have little difficulty against Kowloon.

Following have been chosen to represent Royal Engineers against Kowloon on Kowloon ground on Saturday: Moxham; T. Jones or A. N. Othor and Tang Chung Pak; D. B. Shaw, Taylor; Li Wah Lian; N. Jones or A. N. Othor; Fox; Rejham; and Chung.

ARMY RUGBY CHANGES

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Following will represent Army against Navy in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament on the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, on Saturday next at 4 p.m.—L/c. Picton, R.E.'s; Sgt. Richards, R.A., Capt. Douglass, R.S., Capt. Hook, R.A. (Capt.) and Pte. McDonald, R.A. M.C.; Lt. Coombes, R.A.M.C. and 2/Lt. Wedderburn, R.A.; Cpl. Sutherland, R.S., 2/Lt. Ford, R.S., 2/Lt. Bompas, R.A.; 2/Lt. Millar, R.S., 2/Lt. Heath, R.A.; 2/Lt. Pinkerton, R.S., Capt. Duke, R.S. and Cpl. Gillam, 1/Mx.

Reserves—Capt. Barclay, R.A. M.C., L/c. Foley, R.E.'s, and Pte. Berry, 1/Mx.

There will be a training practice for all the above at Happy Valley at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

There are several interesting changes: Barclay has been displaced by Picton, who has been replaced by Richards, Douglass is back in the centre and will have Hook alongside him—Coombes is now fly-half—and McDonald retains his place on the wing in the absence of Marsh. Heath is again in the second row of the pack in place of the injured Cuthbertson.

It is a very strong team in comparison with last Saturday's side which beat Police, but I do not much like the fly-half experiment. Picton has at long last received his opportunity at full-back, and I don't think he will fail.

Navy Team

Following in the Navy team:—Lieut. Morahan; S/Lieut. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Paul, A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden; Mid. O'Riordan, Lt. Rutherford; L. S. A. Palmer, Lt. Watson (Capt.); Sergeant Manfield, C.P.O. Wtr. King, F/Lt. Taylor, A. B. Longmuir, S/Lt. Beattie, S/Lt. Poole.

Reserves—S/Lieut. Kennedy, Cdt. Lamble, S/Lt. Winter, Lt. (E) Brown, L. A. C. Stockham.

The back division is unchanged, but Manfield is in the front row in place of Longmuir, who has gone to wing-forward in place of Brown. Beattie has gone to the middle of the back row, and King and Taylor now form the second row.

Winter deserved a game on his form last Saturday, but there is still time for him to earn his place as this Saturday's game concludes only the first round of the Tournament.

SAPPERS' RUGBY XV FOR TO-DAY

Picton, who was unable to turn out for Engineers yesterday in the Army Small Units Rugby League as he was barred, having played for Army, will be playing this afternoon against Club. He will probably take the place of Jones.

Following is Engineer team:—Ottaway; Picton; Martin; Rees and Moore; Picton or Jones and Foley; Davis; Taylor; Sheldrake; Ellesley; Cunningham; Appleby; Wilcox and Killen.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Service Corps meet Ordnance at Sookunpoo this afternoon at 4 p.m. In Second Division of Hong Kong Football League.

In their first meeting last week, Service Corps won by 5 clear goals in a game which was featured by the brilliant goal-keeping of Reynolds of Ordnance.

The Royal Navy will meet South China in a friendly football game at Causeway Bay at 4.30 p.m. to-day. The following will represent the Navy:—

Robinson; Roughly; Britt; Honeywell; Croft; Hawkins; Philipson, Le Page, Hondy, Birch Barber.

To-morrow, a Navy side will meet a team from one of H.M. warships on the same ground at the same time.

RUGBY

SAPPERS' EASY WIN IN ARMY LEAGUE

ROYAL ENGINEERS WON the sectional championship of the Army Small Units Rugby League when at Sookunpoo yesterday they beat Medicals by two goals and three tries (19 points) to two tries (6 points) after leading at the interval by 5-0.

The standard of Rugby was not high and Sappers had the better forwards, while in the defence Birrell, Martin and Foley were outstanding. Jones at back kicked well and was sure in his handling.

Engineers opened the scoring late in the first half when Foley scored a try which Birrell converted.

Sappers went further ahead a few minutes after the re-start when Birrell broke through to register another try and had no difficulty in converting.

Sheldrake, Foley and Birrell scored the other tries and Sappers were leading by 16-nil before Medicals reduced the lead through Scriven and again through Coombes. Both tries were not converted.

Royal Engineers:—Ottaway; Birrell, Martin, Rees and Moore; Jones and Foley; Davis, Taylor, Sheldrake, Ellesley, Cunningham, Appleby, Wilcox and Killen.

Medicals:—Morgan; Whybro, Pratt, Bartley and Coombes; MacDonald and Scriven; Milne, Wigglesworth, Chandler, Fennell, Collins, Mohan, Edge and J. van Mulligan.

The draws for the Shield and International Charity Cup competitions will be made at the monthly meeting of Hong Kong Football Association this afternoon at 5.30 p.m.

Correspondence from the Shanghai, Macao, and Burma Football Associations in respect of Interports, will also be dealt with.

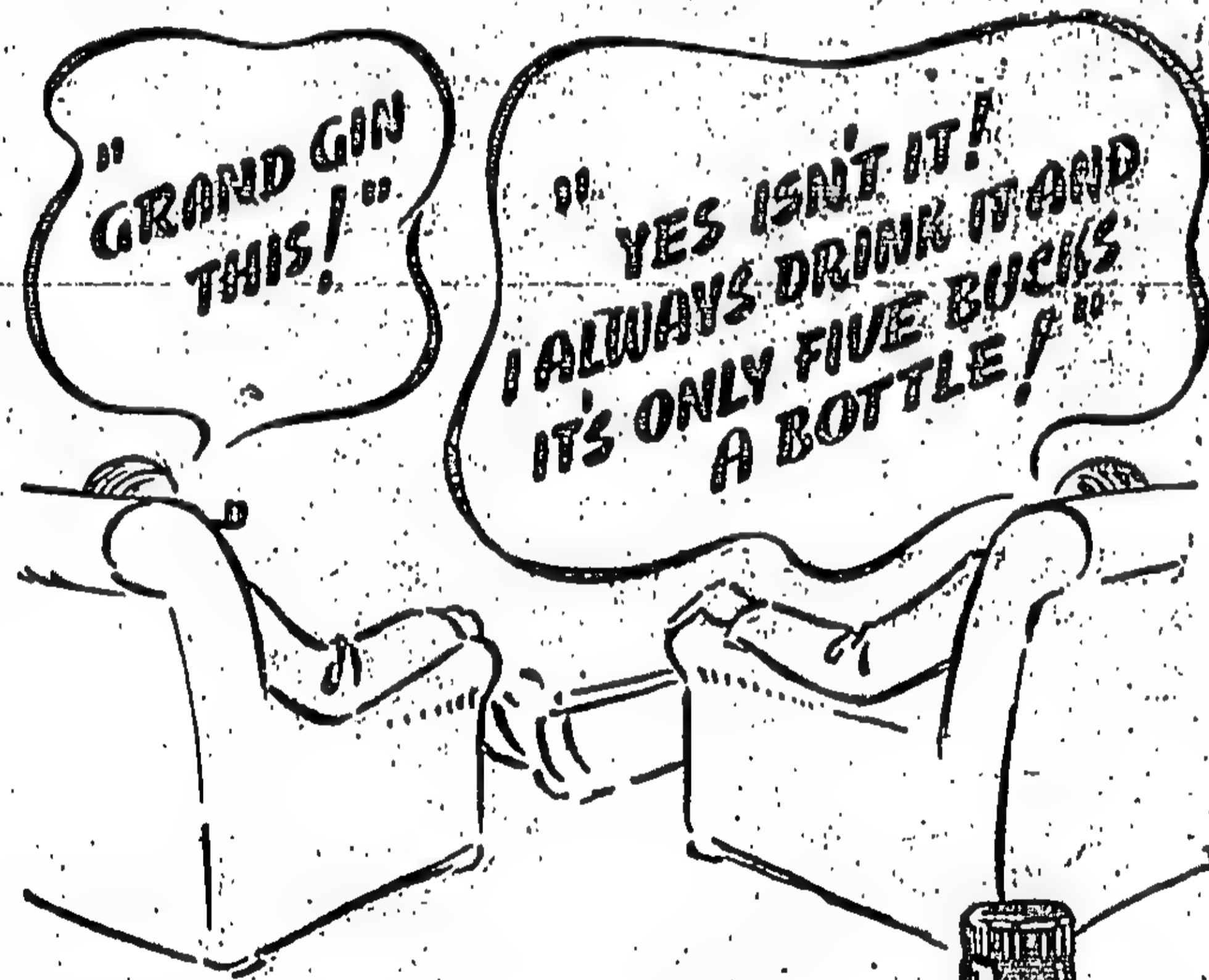
ARMY BILLIARDS, SNOOKER

The following are the last fifteen and seventeen in the Individual Billiards and Snooker Championships respectively:—

Billiards Championship:—Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.; Sgt. Brakenbury, R. Sigs., S/S. Carden, R.A. P.C., Pte. Gordon, 2/R. Scots, *Sgt. Hamlin, R.A.S.C., Sgt. Wyre, R.A.M.C., Bsm. Rawlings, 12th H. Bty., R.A., Sgt. Whitton, C. M. Police, Sqms. Wood, R.A.S.C., Pte. Haig, R.A.S.C., Tsm. Mills, 36th H. Bty., R.A., L/C. Willis, C. M. Police, L/C. Fowler, 2/R. Scots, Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C., Sgt. Murphy, R.A.S.C.

* Bye into 4th Round.

Snooker Championship:—Bsm. Scragg, 7th H.A.A. Bty., R.A. Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C.; Cpl. Duncan, 2/R. Scots, Lt. Dixon, R.A.M.C. Sqms. Wood, R.A.S.C., Pte. Whelan, 2/R. Scots, Pte. Jenkins, 2/R. Scots, L/C. Willis, C. M. Police, L/C. Thompson, R.E., Pte. Gordon, 2/R. Scots, Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C., Ssm. Spiers, R.A.P.C., Pip. Milne, 2/R. Scots, Pte. Myles, 2/R. Scots, L/C. Saunders, R.A.O.C., Cpl. Copsey, R. Signals or Pte. Corcoran, 2/R. Scots.



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British Triumph In Aerial Photography Needs of War

NAZI AIRMEN LAY OFF

A few enemy aircraft approached the British coast singly during yesterday, some of which penetrated into east Kent. Reports received indicate, says an Air Ministry communique, that only two bombs were dropped, causing little damage and no casualties.—Reuter.

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

A MAJOR BRITISH triumph in wartime aerial photography, by which Germany is successfully spied upon from the sub-stratosphere, was announced in London yesterday by a senior officer of the R.A.F. Directorship of Photography.

Furthermore, this authority remarked, "we are well ahead of the Germans. I don't just think so—I know."

Cameras captured from German reconnaissance aircraft have convinced his department that Britain has nothing to learn from German manufacturers, even the producers of the famous Zeiss lenses.

German cameras are regarded as big and clumsy compared with the neat and compact British units, the lenses are definitely inferior and the results obtained not so good.

Streets Ahead

It was also stated that the R.A.F. is "streets ahead" of the Luftwaffe in the important matter of mounting these cameras to stand the severe strain of operational flights.

A new series of war photographs will shortly be released which will re-emphasise the advances made.

Photo planes have been driven up to 25,000 feet and over to get pictures of enemy dispositions and bomb damage. This has introduced a multitude of new technical problems. To achieve clear definition of targets, complicated by high speed, aircraft must fly to escape interception and, if possible, detection.

Some Of Problems

Necessary developments affected are, inter alia, the size of the camera, length of focus, freezing of parts at high altitudes and condensation of the obscuring sight of the lenses.

The difficulties have been overcome by the R.A.F. more skilfully than by the Luftwaffe.

Two of the largest photographic firms in Britain are cooperating with the Air Ministry in helping the R.A.F. maintain the lead.

Perfection of aerial night photography is being actively pursued. The R.A.F. have what they consider a first class flash bomb already in use, so that although the release of an American type to Britain is welcome, it should not be considered unique.—Reuter.

ITALIAN DIVISIONS CUT OFF

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The difficulties of such a campaign can readily be imagined.

Supply Problem

Troops cannot replenish supplies from orchards, grain stores, cattle and waterworks in captured territory, for the desert yields nothing of all these.

Every drop of water and every scrap of food must be carried by the forces on the move.

The problems of desert warfare were well illustrated by the operations undertaken by the Italians when they advanced into Egypt earlier this year.

Well equipped, they were able to advance rapidly as far as Sidi Barrani, but then their momentum was absorbed by the sands of the desert.

Official Communique

The operations in the Western Desert are successfully continuing, states a communique issued by General Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

Prisoners so far captured are reported to exceed 4,000 and a number of medium tanks.

In the Gallabat area patrolling activity supported by our artillery fire, continues.

Perimeter Camps

The Italian troops in Egypt are occupying an area extending from Sollum to Sidi Barrani, bounded on the north by the sea and extending from 20 to 25 miles to the south, it was stated in authoritative military circles in London yesterday.

Inside this quadrilateral they are holding a number of perimeter camps which are strongly defended and fortified and provided with anti-tank and A.A. guns.

It appears the British forces hitherto have attacked two of these camps with considerable success.

British Troops In

It cannot at the moment be said for certain that the Italians have been entirely driven out of these camps but what undoubtedly is true is that the British forces are in them or in at least part of them.

It is probable that these camps are mainly occupied by Italian native troops.

It is known there are two Libyan divisions in the area and presumably these are the divisions being engaged at the moment.

SECRET DEBATE ON SHIPPING

The House of Commons will hold a secret debate about shipping in the near future.—Reuter.



OXFORD STREET SALES GIRLS BEAT THE BOMBERS.—At a big store in the Oxford Street area, the workers' problem of getting home at night has been solved. Many of them sleep in the vast shelter under the stores, or at the men's quarters round the corner, or at a hostel. The shelters are air-conditioned, have running water and a First Aid room, and the occupants can sleep comfortably without being troubled by the noise of London's anti-aircraft barrage. Photo shows salesgirls in their shelter. A series of small shelters are also used, connected by small entrances in the wall, thus in event of bombing they would not be trapped. The Duty Manager can patrol all shelters and can communicate by phone to any of the shelters. (Copyright, Fox).

STOP PRESS

The following statement was issued by the Hon. Secretary of the Evacuation Representation Committee, Mr. F. C. Clemo, after a meeting held at the Peninsula Hotel last night.

No answer having been received to our Petition up to 1 p.m. yesterday, the future procedure to be adopted was discussed and agreed to.

The financial situation of the evacuation was discussed and certain recommendations on principle are being made to Government.

It was decided to interview the Chief Censor regarding the despatch of newspapers and periodicals to the evacuees.

A large amount of correspondence was dealt with and action is being taken in most cases.

Letters have been forwarded to the Central Bodies in Sydney and Melbourne advising them of the formation of this Committee, requesting them to forward all complaints from evacuees direct to the Hon. Secretary in Hong Kong.

Copies of the Petition are now being printed and will be forwarded to all members whose names are registered with the Committee. The next meeting will be held at 12.15 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, at the Gloucester Hotel.

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ITALIAN DIVISIONS AT SIDI BARRANI CUT OFF British Forces Smash Through To Coast In 24 Hours

WEDGE DRIVEN IN GRAZIANI'S ARMY

SMASHING THROUGH THE ITALIAN LINES IN THE WESTERN DESERT, BRITISH ARMoured UNITS WERE REPORTED IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT TO HAVE CUT OFF PART OF TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS AT SIDI BARRANI.

Less than 36 hours after launching the surprise attack on a 30-mile front at dawn on Monday the British forces had reached the coast between Sidi Barrani and Bugbug.

ITALIANS FRANTICALLY FORTIFYING DURAZZO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mussolini's Fascist legions, 'gouged' and withered by the relentless Greek advances, were last night reported to be frantically fortifying Durazzo in preparation for the eventual evacuation of Albania.

North and south, through snow and rain, the Greeks keep surging forward.—International News Service.

SHANGHAI POLICE STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chinese members of the Police Force in the French Concession, Shanghai, went on strike at 8 a.m. to-day.

Demands had been presented to the authorities who had "failed to give a satisfactory reply."—Our Own Correspondent.

RUSSIAN NOTE OF WARNING TO GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS LEARNED in London yesterday that Russia has delivered a Note to Germany warning the Nazi Government that Russia "cannot remain indifferent" if Nazi troops are sent through Bulgaria to attack Greece or Turkey.

The Soviet Note is believed to be responsible for Germany's apparent decision to refrain from sending a German army through Bulgaria to help Italy crush Greece.

It was also stated that the recent visit of M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, to Berlin represented the greatest diplomatic setback Germany has suffered in five years.

Russia's apparent rebuke to Germany, however, does not mean that her relations with Britain are improving. On the contrary, they are regarded in Russian quarters as having "never been worse."

This is due to Britain's action in taking control of Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian ships in British ports following Russia's absorption of these Baltic countries.—International News Service.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that an anticyclone of considerable intensity has developed over North China.

Depressions are situated about 200 miles west of Guam and 250 miles south-west of Manila, both moving west.

As the attack developed British aircraft ceaselessly hammered Italian communications to check the movement of reinforcements.

During the night of Sunday British naval units successfully bombarded Maktila Camp and Sidi Barrani in support of the operations, stated a naval communique issued in Cairo.

In their swift thrust to the coast the British troops have driven a wedge between the Libyan forces holding Sidi Barrani and divisions supporting them further west.

The area occupied by the enemy forms, roughly speaking, an equilateral triangle the points of which are Sidi Barrani and the Italian camps at Maktila, 15 miles to the west along the coast, and Nibeiwa, 15 miles due south of Sidi Barrani.

Nibeiwa Camp was the position captured by the British early on Monday morning, when 500 prisoners were taken.

Naval Bombardment

While the Royal Navy bombarded one side of the triangle, armoured units, supported by infantry, attacked the other two sides.

Acting in close cooperation, the R.A.F. ranged continuously over the whole area, bombing Italian posts, destroying mechanized transport and breaking up troop formations. Many tons of bombs were dropped by British planes, which varied their tactics by diving low and carrying out machine-gun attacks on enemy troops.

The R.A.F.'s onslaught in support of the British drive undoubtedly accounts for the absence of Italian raids on Alexandria during recent moonlight nights.

Evidently the Italians needed every available aircraft to meet the R.A.F.

Meticulous Preparation

Months of meticulous preparation behind the lines preceded the present action against Marshal Graziani's army, the bulk of which appears to be stationed in the region round Sollum, where the frontiers of Egypt and Libya meet.

WEATHER FORECAST.—North-east winds, fresh; fair generally.

INVASION PORT FIRES STILL ABLAZE

Fires started by the R.A.F. at French invasion ports on Monday night were still blazing fiercely yesterday.

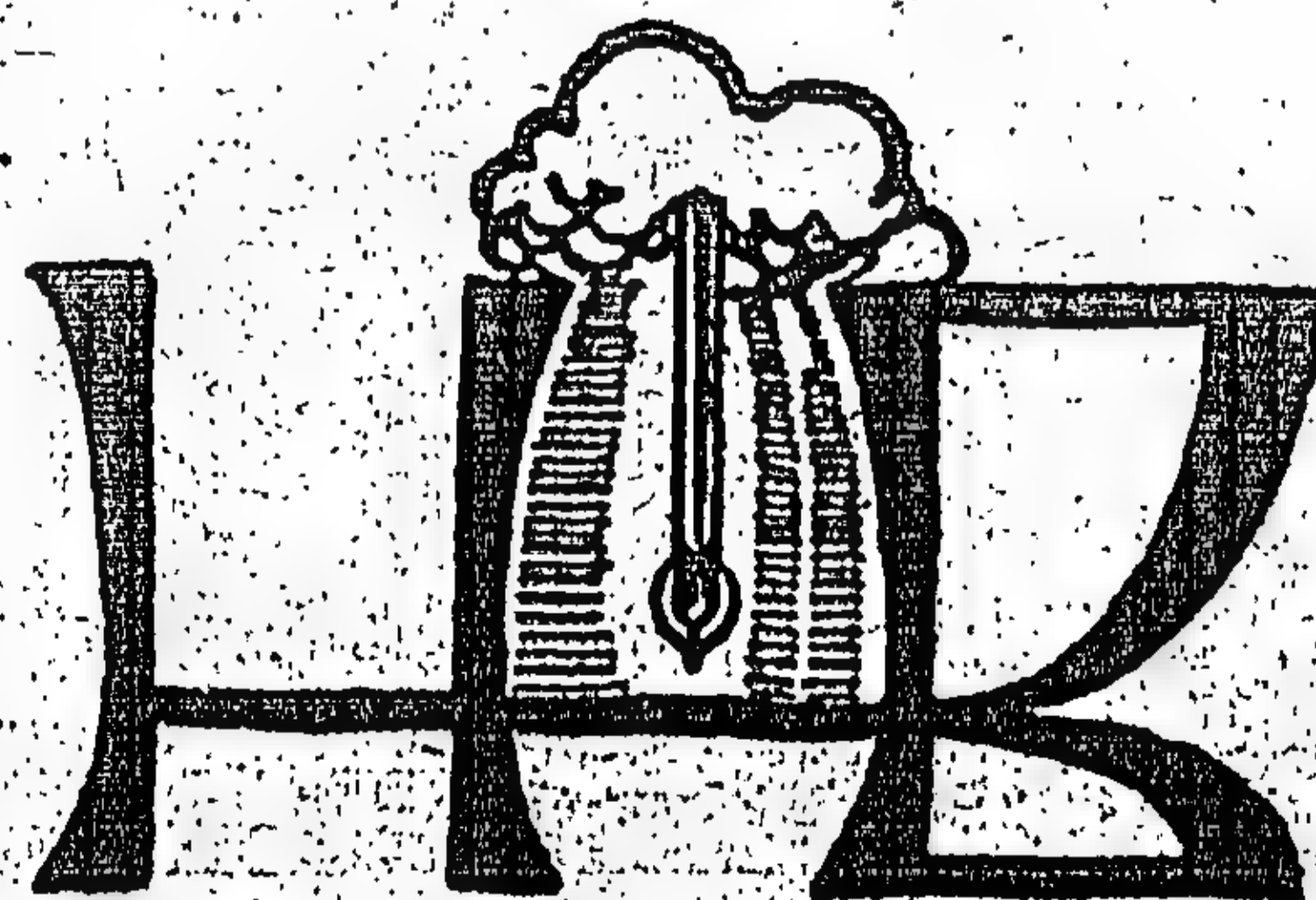
In the morning the haze over mid-Channel glowed red, but later, when the day was slightly older, great flames and columns of smoke rising from the French coast made a spectacular sight. The fires appeared to be worst in and around Calais.—Reuter.

Supply Problem

Troops cannot replenish supplies from orchards, grain stores, cattle and waterworks in captured areas.

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HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Hitler On Defence In Pep Talk To Munition Workers

EVEN DISCUSSED DEFEAT --RHETORICALLY

(By Reuter's Chief Diplomatic Correspondent)

HITLER'S SPEECH IN BERLIN YESTERDAY WAS PITCHED IN A DISTINCTLY MINOR KEY; THE WHOLE TONE OF THE SPEECH WAS DEFENSIVE RATHER THAN AGGRESSIVE, AS ARE HIS USUAL TIRADES.

There was less of the customary boasting and, strangest feature of all, he referred, albeit rhetorically, to two dramatic possibilities — of defeat, which he said would mean "the end not only of our socialist system but also of the German people, and of the possibility of an attempt by Britain to gain a footing on the Continent."

Emphasis on the double effects of defeat is significant, for it admits a distinction between Nazism and the German people which most Nazis would hesitate to confirm.

Hitler's defence of unrestricted bombing of open towns follows the lines of Goebbels' propaganda.

It was always the other side that began it, although there is indisputable evidence to the contrary.

"On The Raw"

One revealing passage showed that despite his ignorance of foreign languages Hitler must be informed of opinions regarding him expressed abroad.

This was his outburst about the suggestion that he suffers from an inferiority complex.

The violence of his reaction suggests that the accusation touched him "on the raw."

Another detail that may or not be significant was the absence from the meeting of Rudolf Hess, the deputy leader, who has not been heard of since the bombing of the Munich beer cellar when he spoke in the name of the Fuehrer.—Reuter.

TSANG FOOK STORE ROBBERY

Piano accessories, valued at \$1,140, were stolen from the workshop of the Tsang Fook Piano Company, No. 480, King's Road during the last few days.

According to the store-keeper, Chan Chun, the accessories were in 57 packets.

SOLIDARITY IN PACIFIC

Chinese circles in London warmly welcome the decision of the British Government to grant a new loan of £10,000,000 to China.

Commenting on the decision, they point out that the loan is an indication of Anglo-American solidarity in cooperation with China and in the Pacific.

The Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, yesterday called on Mr. J. M. Keynes, Financial Adviser to the British Treasury. Arrangements for a preliminary technical agreement are now being negotiated.—Central News.

16 RICE DEALERS SUMMONED

SWIFT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE POLICE AGAINST RICE DEALERS SELLING RICE AT PRICES HIGHER THAN THOSE FIXED BY THE CONTROLLER OF TRADE.

In the last two days, the Police have swooped down on 16 dealers in Wanchai district and summonses have been taken out against these shop-keepers.

They have been instructed to appear before Court on Friday, October 20.

ROLE OF COASTAL COMMAND

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES ARE TO TAKE PLACE IN THE R.A.F. COASTAL COMMAND.

Announcing this in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Churchill said that although there is no need at present for a change in the position of the Command of the R.A.F. it was necessary that it should play a more important part than in the past in the protection of trade.—Reuter.

THE LORD MAYOR'S AIR RAID FUND

The Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Distress Fund is now £1,087,000. The Lord Mayor of Perth has sent a further £2,800 making £22,800 from Western Australia.—British Wireless.

CARNARVON CASTLE AT SEA AGAIN

H.M.S. Carnarvon Castle, which put into Montevideo for refitting after her clash with a German raider, sailed at 8.15 last evening.

All repairs had been completed, it was stated.

Despite rain a large crowd assembled at the quayside and cheered Carnarvon Castle on her departure.—Reuter.

SPIES CONFESSED MISSION

After the two spies executed in Britain yesterday had been arrested, they confessed and told of instructions they had received.

This fact was disclosed in a broadcast last night by an officer whose business it is to prevent leakage of information to the enemy.

The officer stated that Jose Weidberg, the German, might have acted from patriotic motives, but that the Dutchman, Karl Meier, acted simply for money.

In addition to a wireless transmitter and a considerable sum in English money, the two men brought iron rations with them.—Reuter.

TURKEY PREPARING

"IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT SPRING THE LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF AIR RAID SHELTERS BE PROVIDED IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN TURKEY," STATED THE OFFICIAL ANKARA NEWSPAPER "ULUS" YESTERDAY.

The newspaper publishes designs of the Anderson (the small, back garden, semi-sunken type) shelter, with the recommendation that all municipalities study them and start providing similar structures.—Reuter.

PEIPING RUMOURS

ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED BUT PERSISTENT RUMOURS AMONG BOTH CHINESE AND JAPANESE CIRCLES IN PEIPING THE MURDERER OF THE JAPANESE COLONEL ON NOVEMBER 29 HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON A CHINESE RICKSHA COOLIE'S INFORMATION.

The murderer, it is rumoured, turned out to be a Japanese who donned Chinese dress for the occasion.

Reason for the murder is said to be due to internal quarrels among the Japanese.—Reuter.

HITLER SHOULD HAVE BEEN SHOT

—Mr. Morrison

UNDER THEIR POWERS the Home Office had not dealt with enemy aliens and other internees improperly or spitefully, declared Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, replying to the debate in the House of Commons yesterday.

They had seen what happened in Belgium, Holland and Norway. Mr. Morrison said, and added "We knew we had our own Quislings in this country ready to play their part."

"The lesson of Nazi Germany is that republican politicians at the time respected very fully those principles which are now urged upon me."

"The result was that Hitler was dealt with under a very gentle law. He was put into prison but given rights of access to certain persons and in two months he was out."

"If I had been running the German Government at that time he would never have got out and would never have survived."

Ought To Have Been Shot

"He was an enemy of the State and ought to have been shot — and that would have been a very fine thing for Germany and the world."

"If I have to take any action in defence of the security of the State, I will take it. The security of the State in time of war comes before anything." — Reuter.



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Propitious Moment For Onslaught Not To Be Missed

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

LATEST NEWS FROM CAIRO SUGGESTS THAT THE MOMENT FOR STRIKING ANOTHER BLOW AGAINST THE ITALIANS — THIS TIME IN LIBYA — HAS NOT BEEN MISSED.

A heavy stroke has already been delivered against Marshal Graziani's forces which he rashly pushed forward to Sidi Barrani. Italian generals have been captured or killed, over 4,000 prisoners taken and many tanks captured.

This is an encouraging beginning, though it is early yet to gauge what the final result of these operations will be.

The Italians may be driven back along their lines of retreat, and though they will be badly mauled, their main force round Sidi Barrani may manage to escape.

It is, however, possible that a disaster of considerable magnitude will be inflicted on the Italians.

A turning movement along the Libyan Plateau down the escarpment on to the road between Solum and Sidi Barrani, may develop.

This is not the only encircling movement which may be initiated with the object of totally destroying the Italians; Britain commands the sea, and a naval attack escorting a landing force may possibly strike still further to the Italian rear, towards Tobruk.

The scope of such operations is admittedly on the grand scale. It would involve some extra effort and risk.

Moment Propitious

But the moment is propitious; the enemy's morale is undoubtedly shaken and may give way altogether quite easily.

Such an event was witnessed when France collapsed. We can remember the handful of Germans who pushed right across France regardless of the French army and seized Bordeaux. These are days and moments for great strokes.

It is to be noted with satisfaction that General Wavell and Sir Maitland Wilson have called on every weapon at our command to play its part in defeat of the enemy, for both the Navy and Air Force have been active and have made their power felt.

Arabs May Rise

It remains to be seen whether the British can press the Italians back into Libya, whether indeed, we can drive them out of the country altogether.

The Arabs may well rise and make harassing attacks on isolated Italian columns, parties and even their civilian colonists.

On the other side of the Mediterranean—in Albania—the prospects look equally bright.

The Greeks are still pressing on despite the terrible winter weather. Such weather is as destructive to a retreating enemy as it is a cause of delay to an advancing one.

Albanian Peril

But with whom did the advantage lie in 1812, when Napoleon retreated from Moscow with the advancing Russians or the retreating French?

The Italians in Albania are in a most dangerous situation. If the British could spare enough ships from the operations on the Libyan coast to send a naval squadron to Valona, the stroke would be decisive.

A naval attack on that port would cut off the retreat of half the Italian army and would pre-

vent further reinforcements from reaching them.

The Fleet need have no fears in accepting such a challenge. Mussolini and his Fascist Empire are rocking. Can the British forces push it over now? It is possible. —Reuter.

LOCK ROAD THEFT

Money, jewellery and a camera were stolen from No. 27, Lock Road, between 8.10 a.m. and 9.45 p.m. yesterday.

AWARDS TO A.A. MEN

Some of the achievements of Britain's anti-aircraft defences are revealed by the War Office announcing yesterday awards of the O.B.E. and M.C.

The O.B.E. goes to Lt.-Col. Norman Vause-Sadler, commander of the anti-aircraft defences of Dover and East Kent, which have shot down no fewer than 90 enemy planes during the last five months.

The M.C. is awarded to 2/Lt. Patrick Valon Bennett, whose heavy anti-aircraft section of the Royal Artillery brought down 12 enemy planes during the last four months. —Reuter.

PART PLAYED BY R.A.F. IN NEW OFFENSIVE

DETAILED REPORTS now received showing the part played by the R.A.F. in supporting the military offensive in the Western Desert, show, according to a communique issued by R.A.F. headquarters in Cairo, that on the first day, on Monday, every enemy aerodrome from Derna to Sidi Barrani was heavily raided by British bombers, causing great damage.

In addition, our fighters and bombers continually attacked enemy troop concentrations and motor transport over the whole operational area.

FIGHT IN A KITCHEN

A BOILER MAKER, TWO SHIP BUILDERS, ONE FITTER, AND THREE WOMEN, WERE CHARGED BEFORE MR. E. HIMS WORTH AT THE KOW-LOON MAGISTRACY. THIS MORNING WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT BY FIGHTING AT NO. 48 MATAUWEI ROAD YESTERDAY.

Sergeant Hynes, who prosecuted, said that accused resided on the same floor and had to use the same kitchen. A widow objected to the others using the kitchen and an argument ensued, resulting in a fight in which some were slightly injured and had to be removed to the hospital.

The fight, added the Sergeant, was started by the widow.

The widow was fined \$15, or three weeks' hard labour, while the others were bound over to keep the peace for one year.

Twenty-two enemy aircraft were reported shot down or destroyed — 18 confirmed and four unconfirmed.

One squadron accounted for 11 of these, four of which were seen burning on the ground at the same time.

Another fighter squadron caused great damage to enemy communications and inflicted many casualties on enemy personnel by dive machine-gun attacks.

Movement Dislocated

Later reconnaissance flights reported large fires west of Bugbug and in other roads, and enemy motor transport burning on the road causing dislocation of enemy troop movements.

During these intensive air operations, which were continuous from dawn till dusk, only three of our aircraft failed to return to base, but the pilots of two are safe within our territory. — Reuter.

Ng Yick-mui, of No. 450, Lockhart Road, has reported the theft of jewellery, a fountain pen and a cigarette case, total value of which was \$55.50, yesterday.

SIXTEEN MILLIONS A DAY LAST WEEK

Britain last week spent the record sum of nearly £16,000,000 a day.

This figure is disclosed by Exchequer returns for last week, issued in London yesterday, showing total ordinary expenditure at £110 millions and total ordinary revenue at £23 millions. —Reuter.

DUKE AND DUCHESS AT MIAMI

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR ARRIVED AT MIAMI (FLORIDA) ON BOARD THE YACHT "SOUTHERN CROSS" YESTERDAY.

A formal reception by the British consul-general, consular officials and local authorities took place and a press conference was held.

The Duchess of Windsor will undergo a dental operation while in the United States.

Operation Performed

The Duchess of Windsor underwent a major dental operation yesterday afternoon. The doctor reported she reacted promptly and favourably.

The Duchess left the operating room 25 minutes after the anaesthetic was administered. — Reuter.

PREMIER'S REPORT

The encouraging report which the Prime Minister was able to give the Commons on the initiative which the forces under the command of Sir Archibald Wavell have taken against the Italians in the Western Desert has created an excellent impression at Westminster.

Particular satisfaction is felt at the evidence of close fruitful co-operation between the three Services.

The Premier's announcement that Free French forces are taking part in the offensive action against the Italians has also given pleasure in London and the knowledge that French troops are once more

SOUTHAMPTON'S THANKS

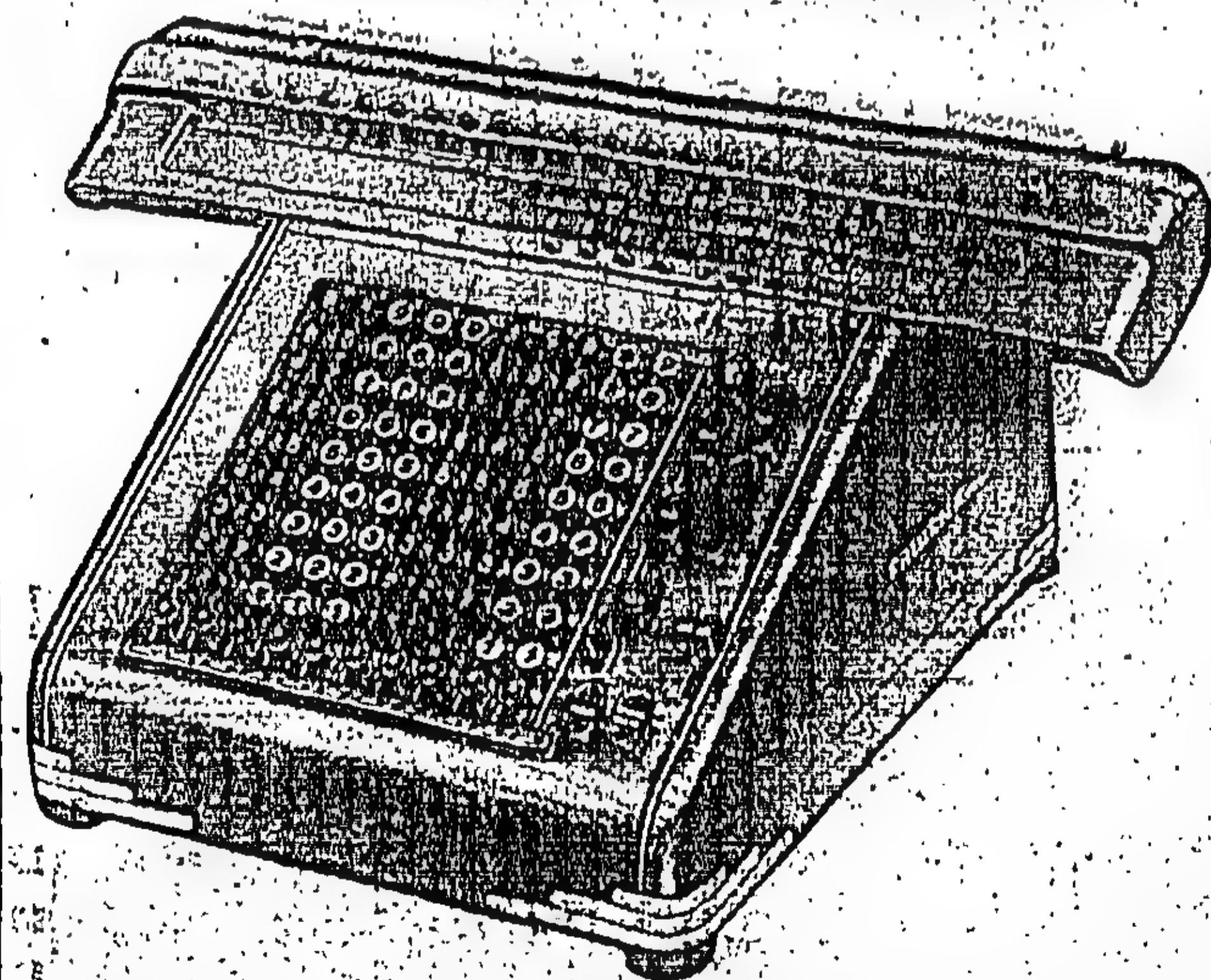
SOUTHAMPTON, THROUGH ITS MAYOR, HAS SENT ITS THANKS TO THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON FOR A GIFT OF £20,000 FOR THE RELIEF OF AIR-RAID VICTIMS.

This money from the Lord Mayor of London comes from a fund which receives contributions from all over the world, and almost £450,000 has already been distributed to those made homeless in indiscriminate Nazi raids. — Reuter.

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HITLER'S APOLOGY FOR FAILURE OF BLITZKRIEG

HITLER'S SPEECH yesterday to arma-
ment workers in Berlin sounded more like an
apology for inaction than anything else.

Over half the time was devoted to a tirade
about "lebensraum," the Versailles Treaty
and the economic position of Germany. It
was a revised version of the speech which has
served him so often in the past, and drew
practically no applause.

He then went on to say that
Mr. Churchill had planned the
war.

"People say I have a feeling of
inferiority towards England," he
said.

"They are crazy! I have
never had an inferiority com-
plex!"

He made the somewhat amazing
statement that not one of Ger-
many's armament works have yet
been hit by the R.A.F. In this
connection, it may be recalled that
on Monday the German journal
"Das Reich" complained that the
German Press was not allowed to
give any reports indicating the
scope of the British raids.

For the rest, the speech was a
long explanation for Germany's
inaction, and Hitler seemed to
recall that some of his listeners
might be thinking of his boast
that the war would be over by last
September.

"Every Caution"

He told them he considered
it worthwhile to wait.

"I am very cautious in this
respect," he said. "We don't
want prestige successes."

He tried to comfort his hearers
by painting a picture of the peace-
ful reconstruction that would en-
sue once Germany had won the
war — practically the sole re-
ference in the whole speech to his
"New Order."

He spoke vaguely about "far-
reaching plans" for improving
the lot of the German people, and
"shattering the barriers" around
Germany so that she will "occupy
the place due to her." — Reuter.

SON WAS RESCUER

A demolition worker
who dug for twelve hours
to free people trapped in
a bomb-wrecked home,
found that two of the vic-
tims were his father and
mother. He got them out
and they were taken to
hospital.

The house was one of several in
the North London area which
were demolished by a heavy
bomb.

For hours the rescue workers
did not know whether there was
anyone alive in the wreckage.
They dug and searched systema-
tically.

They were ordered to take
cover during a later raid when
gunfire was heard overhead, but
they refused, and went on with
the rescue work.

Soon afterwards a sudden cry
of "Quiet, please," produced a
dramatic silence. Then faint
sounds were heard from among
the debris.

Policeman Trapped

After an hour's more digging
came the first rescue—a dog,
which belonged to the demolition
worker who retrieved it. Then
the man got out his father and
mother.

Later some bodies were recovered
from the debris. All day efforts
were continued at a post office
building to reach a war reserve
policeman who was believed to
have been buried.

One man, who persistently re-
fused to leave his home and seek
shelter, was persuaded to do so
for the first time on Thursday
night. His home was wrecked.

JUST A HITLER PEP TALK

Hitler's speech is re-
garded in Washington as a
"pep talk" to munition
workers and a challenge
to the rest of the world,
whether belligerents or
not, who oppose Nazi eco-
nomics.

Hitler's announcement of war
on capitalism everywhere is tak-
en in Washington as timed chiefly
at Britain and the United States,
and as a final recognition that
America, if not a belligerent, is
really in the war with Britain.

It is also considered significant
that German workers needed such
a "pep talk" particularly such a
lengthy one. — Reuter.

CONSULTS SHELTER USERS

Mr. Robert Boothby, Parlia-
mentary Secretary to the Min-
istry of Food, walked the
streets of London, between 5 a.m.
and 7 a.m. to watch the exodus
from the air raid shelters.

He was seeking first-hand
information to help in advancing
the Ministry's plans for emer-
gency feeding.

"The spirit of the people was
magnificent," Mr. Boothby said.
"I interrogated many of them,
and what suggestions they had
to make were made cheerfully.
Some of them were constructive.
My experiences will assist us in
dealing with the emergency. It
is a case of full speed ahead."

BRITISH LOAN TO CHINA

A large loan to China
— £10,000,000 — was an-
nounced by Mr. Butler,
Under-Secretary for For-
eign Affairs, in the House
of Commons yesterday.

He recalled that on November
30 the United States Government
announced its intention of extend-
ing large credits to China.

The British Government, in
view of the importance of its
financial and economic relations,
has now decided to grant further
financial assistance.

Providing suitable arrange-
ments can be made that sterling
is available for use only in the
sterling area, Britain is pre-
pared in principle to make an
advance of £5,000,000 to the
Chinese Stabilisation Fund and
to grant credits for a further
£5,000,000, available for pur-
chases within the sterling area.
This decision has already been
communicated to the Chinese Gov-
ernment. — Reuter.

FEWER SICK SINCE WAR

Nights at work or in air raid
shelters might be expected to un-
dermine the health if not the mor-
ale of the people of this country,
but statistics show that times of
greatest stress during the past
twelve months have been the
times when the least number of
people have been on the sick list.

British people are not ailing,
and they are not rushing to the
medicine bottle.

During the period April to June,
when Hitler took over most of
his temporary European territory,
the sickness rate in Lancashire
alone dropped by over 121,000
people.

An official of an insurance com-
mittee said that the national reac-
tion to the war had been remark-
able.

"It is the most remarkable
tribute to the workpeople of the
country," he said. "One would
expect that with thousands of
our healthy young men in the
forces, the sickness rate of the
remaining population would
naturally increase, but it has
not been so."

"I think the explanation lies in
the fact that people are so busy
working that they have no time to
be neurotic or to bother
about minor ailments."

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HITLER PROMISES GERMANS THE MOON AND STARS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HITLER YESTERDAY TOLD THE PEOPLE OF GERMANY THAT IF THEY WIN THE WAR THE WORLD IS THEIRS.

The Fuehrer's lengthy speech, delivered from on top of a block of steel in a Berlin armaments plant, was the clearest exposition yet given of Hitler's aims and intentions if the continued and merciless air war succeeds in defeating Britain.

He said gold would be useless and valueless; the aristocracy of the Reich would be wiped out and in its place would rule the peerage of labour, worth and freedom according to Nazi standards.

The speech, for the most part, was a reassurance to the German people that they have not laboured and sacrificed in vain during the long bitter years preceding the war and in the months during which, he conceded, they have suffered beneath R.A.F. bombs.

But particularly significant was the fact that the speech was broadcast throughout Europe, to strifetorn Rumania, doubtful Bulgaria and war-fearing Yugoslavia, and to every home in the far-flung Nazi Reich.

The people of the Continent were told what they were fighting for and England was warned that her doom was near.

For Domestic Use

On almost every occasion in the past, except his address to old Party comrades in the Munich beer hall, Hitler has talked over the heads of his people to the parliaments and chancelleries of the world.

But his speech yesterday was definitely for domestic consumption and was designed to tell the rank and file of Nazidom, that under the swastika lie rich rewards in worldly goods and honours.

After a year of relentless warfare a people always need stimulation and encouragement to continue the struggle.

It is significant, however, that Hitler, for the first time, promised his people to make amends for their sacrifices and compensation for their efforts.

That Palace Lunch

In his few previous declarations since war began he had merely threatened to knock out England and all his enemies without ado or delay.

It should not be overlooked that the Fuehrer is supposed to have planned to lunch in Buckingham Palace last August 15, and told intimates he would cross the Channel whenever it suited his fancy. — International News Service.

London Analysis

Those in London who listened to Hitler's broadcast had an impression that the detailed historical and demographical survey to which, characteristically enough, the first whole section of the address was devoted, evoked little enthusiasm from his audience whose cheeks were reserved for later passages.

In these he promised that if and when Germany were victorious he would work for those higher standards of life and higher human values which it will be Nazism's unique and fatal title to history's notice to have destroyed wherever it has prevailed, starting at home and spreading wherever the shadow of the swastika has fallen, until to-day most of Europe faces a needless scarcity and suffers humiliation and degradation to the thought patterns of "Mein Kampf" after a period of intoxication with the successes of German arms.

The proud conqueror is overtaken with meditation and finds for all his conquests he has more enemies than ever and he portrays

the Nazis embattled against a whole other world.

Uncomprehending

Of that other world he presents the usual distorted description founded on an inability to understand what it is in freedom and orderly social development for which millions of common people in the Democracies of Europe and overseas have shown they are ready and willing to die — an inability which may well prove to be a serious weakness to himself in prosecuting his aggression.

The speech contained familiar inconsistencies on the familiar theme of living room — inconsistencies which this time must have had a specially melancholy sound to the ears of the hundreds of thousands of workers imported into "overcrowded" Germany after being enlisted by press gang method in subjugated territories.

Two passages of broader political significance have aroused comment in London.

Frank Avowal

Hitler declared in one of the less-pensive parts of his speech that "where German soldiers stand no other soldier will ever set his foot. No power in the world will ever be able to dislodge us from occupied territories."

It is thought that this frank avowal is more likely to cause concern to the "Quislings" of Europe, who have thought to compromise with the invader and profit by his assistance in establishing themselves as imitation dictators, than to the majority of the subject peoples who confidently look to a British victory to bring them liberty.

Even the Nazi record of perjury, however, cannot dull recollection of the memorandum which Hitler's Government addressed only seven months ago to the Governments of Holland and Belgium.

"The Reich Government, it said, 'declares Germany has no intention of touching the sovereignty of the Netherlands or Belgium either with regard to their European or colonial possessions now or in the future.'"

Other passages most commented on in London dealt with the defeat of Britain.

Thought It Best

It is interesting and it may be significant that Hitler, who at least is a consummate judge of his public, thought it best to pass off with a joke about the weather the failure of the invasion of Britain, so stridently advertised last summer, to materialise.

British readers, remembering the perfect slides out of which R.A.F. fighters systematically shot down German squadrons last September, also thought the joke good.

German listeners at least were put in good humour to hear the surprising news from his own lips that only if British troops attempted to gain a foothold on the Continent would they be likely to meet German armies again.

So far as the British are concerned they will not be influenced by strategic boasts to alter in any way their determination to

HUSBANDS' PETITION: NO REPLY

The following statement was issued by the Hon. Secretary of the Evacuation Representation Committee, Mr. F. C. Clemo, after a meeting held at the Preinsula Hotel last night:

No answer having been received to our Petition up to 1 p.m. yesterday, the future procedure to be adopted was discussed and agreed to.

The financial situation of the evacuation was discussed, and certain recommendations on principle are being made to Government.

It was decided to interview the Chief Censor regarding the despatch of newspapers and periodicals to the evacuees.

A large amount of correspondence was dealt with and action is being taken in most cases.

Letters have been forwarded to the Central Bodies in Sydney and Melbourne advising them of the formation of this Committee, requesting them to forward all complaints from evacuees direct to the Hon. Secretary in Hong Kong.

Copies of the Petition are now being printed and will be forwarded to all members whose names are registered with the Committee. The next meeting will be held at 12.15 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, at the Gloucester Hotel.

ROBBED SAFE OF EX-PARTNER

Wong Yiu, 39, was bound over by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for stealing 16 silver dollars from No. 28, Bonham Strand East yesterday.

Detective Sergeant J. R. Sykes told the Court that the victim and defendant were formerly partners in the business. They separated in November last year, but defendant was allowed to stay in the shop. About 10 p.m. yesterday, he was seen by a foki to open the safe with a key, and leave.

Complainant was informed, and defendant, on his return, was searched and 14 silver dollars were found in his pocket. He admitted that he had spent the other two in a tea house.

SIX MONTH'S FOR KIDNAPPING

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Mr. E. Himsforth sentenced Sul Hon-pan, 39, described as a travelling trader, to six months' hard labour for kidnapping a 10-year-old girl, Chan Wah-hing, on November 30, taking her from Monakok to Taiipo, where he was arrested by the girl's uncle, a district watchman.

be ready to meet an invasion if it comes and repel it and over and above to prepare behind impregnable ramparts for the blow which will release Europe from its nightmare. — British Wireless.

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THE NEXT STAGE OF DEMOCRACY

The plea voiced in the recent Commons debate by several members, that the present British Parliament should justify the extension of its normal five-year life by undertaking an inquiry into the whole machinery and organisation of government, has made a considerable impression.

It needs to be emphasised that the present war is not fundamentally between countries and peoples, but between parliamentary government and democracy on the one hand, and dictatorship on the other.

And apart from winning the war, democracy has to demonstrate its efficiency more convincingly than hitherto.

Describing as revolutionary the Government's decision to prolong the life of the present British Parliament without the sanction of a general election, Mr. Hore-Belisha argued that the existing truce between the major political parties was causing a decline in parliamentary vitality. He called for more enlightenment for backbenchers and more outspoken criticism from them in debate.

Prolongation of Parliament, however, offers a real opportunity.

The popular cry has been heard. "We must have no more party politics after the war."

A searchlight on events leading up to the French collapse has greatly encouraged this cry; as have the revelations of British political manoeuvring which led to Britain entering the war inadequately prepared.

But close questioning of those who cry "no more party politics" often discloses that they have no practical alternative to the party system. In fact, what they are usually attacking is the condition of party politics, or, as Canon Roger Lloyd summed it up in an article in the "Spectator": "Party politics are necessary to a true democracy provided they are healthy, and they can only be healthy when they express a true cleavage of principle which really exists in the Nation."

This view is endorsed by political observers, who point out that the fundamental views of different politicians are often only vaguely represented by the programme of the parties to which they belong—in fact there is often much more similarity between the views of certain small groups within one party and those of politicians in other parties than with those members of their own party.

This was illustrated in the case of many "young Conservatives" in years immediately preceding the outbreak of this war.

Their real place appeared to be rather in some "Liberal" or Centre Party, but none existed.

Such a situation should not be deplored, but rather welcomed, since it shows that British politicians themselves realise that far-reaching changes are going on today, extending far beyond party limits.

Political circles in Britain generally tend to support the view that democracy must be based on the party system. What alternative is there to party politics other than dictatorship? But they are mostly ready to admit that there is ample opportunity for improvements in the existing system.

"Within a nation there are always dozens of cleavages," says Canon Lloyd. "The problem is to find that cleavage which reaches right down to something very deep, and divides the people into two approximately equal groups. Then you have a party which espouses each side and then the parliamentary system has a chance to work creatively."

Clearly the old party cleavage of greater social equality will cease to be a sufficiently effective spur to parliamentary virility, since virtually all those elements now constituting Britain's wartime government are agreed on the absolute necessity of greater social equality.

Perhaps, therefore, the cleavage

Men Behind German Invasion Of Norway

II VICE-ADMIRAL WOLFGANG WEGENER.

Herr von Ribbentrop has vainly attempted to persuade the world that the invasion of Norway was a defensive measure forced upon a reluctant Germany by the necessity for forestalling an Allied attack against her with the connivance of the Norwegian Government.

Imbued with the now well-standardised Nazi technique of aggression and justification, he seems completely to have ignored the fact that the idea of an occupation of Denmark and Norway had been plainly foreshadowed many years before Hitler came to power by the German Admiral Wolfgang Wegener, who, unknown to the world at large, has done more than anybody else to shape the present policy of the German Navy.

Admiral Wegener had already been on the retired list for a number of years, when in 1925, he suddenly electrified the whole German naval world by a small, but exceedingly pungent memorandum of some 80 pages. In this he mercilessly exposed the fundamental errors of German naval strategy during the World War and the stupidity of the Official History's attempt to obscure the issue, so as to conceal the complete failure of Admiral von Tirpitz's policy.

The German Navy, he affirmed in this study—three years later made generally accessible by a leading German Naval and Military publishing house, under the title "Seestrategie des Weltkrieges"—had utterly failed to understand the true nature of naval war. Misled by the German traditions of land warfare, it had seen in war at sea merely a military clash between the two opposing navies and not, as it should have done, a struggle for the command of vital sea communications.

The result had been that throughout the war the German Navy had concentrated, as though hypnotised, upon the one idea of bringing the Grand Fleet to battle under favourable circumstances in the North Sea, without realising that the latter, from the point of view of control of communications, was a "strategically dead area."

The proper strategy of the German Navy would have been to utilise the second exit available through the Kattegat and Skagerrak for a flanking advance against the British position at Scapa Flow instead of rushing the Danes in a sudden panic to close and neutralise it.

"The German strategic offensive that should have liberated our fleet from painful captivity in the Heligoland Bight had therefore to be the reopening of the Belts, an understanding with Denmark about the use of her territorial waters and control of the Scandinavian trade route," wrote the Admiral.

"The next stage in the progress of our offensive would have been the occupation of the southern part of Norway, which, it is true, we should first have had to liberate from British oppression. The argument that such a war policy carrying our fleets through the Belts into the Kattegat would have been impracticable does not hold water. . . . One should not fall into the error of believing that States which, by the accident of their geographical position, have got mixed up in a world war between great powers would not of themselves have felt the most urgent necessity for negotiations as well as the desire to keep on friendly terms with so powerful a factor as Germany was at that time.

will be on international issues instead of domestic.

And this surely will be appropriate in the task of building a new European or even world order, when it is hoped lessons of the past will be applied—chiefly the need for the abolition of economic frontier limitations, and for some system of collective security which will supersede the old conception of state sovereignty which has proved so ineffective against aggression.

"It would have been an underestimate of the intelligence of the statesmen of these countries to assume that they would not have been able to understand that Germany was pressing certain demands upon them for the limited duration of the conflict only and merely under the bitter necessity of war; demands which, therefore, because not advanced in an unfriendly spirit, were well capable of being discussed. To offer themselves of their own account these States in their own interest were naturally not anxious, but that did not imply that they would not have been willing to enter sympathetically into negotiations."

By
DR. HERBERT ROSINSKI,
Former lecturer at the German Naval Academy

These revolutionary proposals of Admiral Wegener aroused the German Navy as no other discussion had done before. Bitterly disputed by many of the elder men, they were hailed with enthusiasm by practically the whole of the younger generation. To these young men groping desperately for a light to guide them in the bitter task of the reconstruction of German Sea Power, Wegener's criticism came as a clarion call to another and better directed effort, while his emphasis upon the true nature of naval warfare struck them with the force of revelation. From his study, as an ardent young admirer testified a few years later, the

whole reorganisation of German naval thought took its course. But his ideas did not acquire their full significance until the advent of the Third Reich and the beginning of German rearmament brought their realisation within reach. In the absence of any special ideas of his own on naval warfare, Adolf Hitler eagerly adopted the Admiral's bold and ruthless conceptions, so much so that his study became unofficially known in naval circles as "Hitler's naval bible."

Surrey Hide-out

The countryside round London isn't the haven of rest and quiet it used to be. But at least we can offer harassed Londoners more space in which to dodge the bombs. An opportunity to escape for a few hours from that feeling of being shut up in the metropolis with bombers overhead, brings visitors for the

By Peter Lyne

night to our Surrey cottage even though, judging by past experience, we are just as likely to be bombed as they are in Kensington or Maida Vale.

When we show a visitor the spare room, instead of pointing proudly to the dahlia bed, we now draw attention to the corpse up the lane. "There's a batch of unexploded bombs behind it," we explain. "So don't be alarmed if there's a big bang in that direction. We've been assured we are out of range of damage."

We add there was another bunch of time bombs about the same distance away on the other side of the house, but they went off yesterday. We then acquaint our visitor with the nightly routine of a rural air raid warden's post, and try to give him a rough idea of what he may hear so that even if he is awakened, his rest shall be as little disturbed as possible.

We describe how twilight is an awkward hour. Enemy planes try to sneak round to an armament factory about five miles away before searchlight beams become effective. It was in this between-light that several machines attacked our little village recently, dropping twelve bombs, demolishing a number of workmen's cottages, but miraculously causing only one minor casualty.

In this attack, incendiary bombs were also scattered in the fields and I had my first experience of putting them out. Jim, farmhand from up the road, was so excited he couldn't work the stirrup pump handle.

"Try a bit of dirt," he said as nothing but air came out of the nozzle. So we scooped earth over the spluttering lumps of white-hot magnesium, and they went out quite quickly. George

Wapshott, dashing about on a bicycle, without any illumination and balancing a fire extinguisher on his handlebars, was voted afterwards to have been almost as terrifying as the bombs.

Around 9.30 we have to admit enemy planes are usually passing over our house in more or less constant succession and there may be a good deal of noise from gunfire and bombs. Ten o'clock ought to be the visitor's bedtime, since he needs a good night's rest, but that's the time the head warden usually telephones me to look around for unexploded bombs.

At 11 o'clock the police have a habit of phoning to ask if any bombs have been located. Also, my wife may be called out at any time, complete with tin hat and A.R.P. regalia, to act as messenger, using our car.

If bombs drop while she is away complications are such, we warn our visitor, he might be called on for assistance. The dogs must be stopped barking, a quick decision made on whether to wake the four children and marshal them in the supposedly safest room—the hall. Watch must be kept outside for "incidents."

Midnight dog-exercise is an opportunity for a good look round, for another view of London fireworks, a thought for the Londoners themselves, and occasionally a reassuring chat with nearby cottage folk, anxiously staying up long past their normal bed-time. Going to bed ourselves is a lingering process, protracted by a sense of duty. Thereafter our head warden calls up by phone, only in an emergency. Mostly we sleep though the drone of planes, the thump of guns, and the crash of bombs continues.

Our visitors usually sleep, too, especially if they are used to nights in shelters and the close-up boom of the London barrage. We can't any longer offer quiet broken only by the song of the nightingales, but we can offer a bed in a cottage, a hide-out in a Surrey lane far from the giant metropolises.

Most of all, we half-time Londoners can pay unbounded tribute to the wonderful courage of those who are Londoners by night as well as by day.

Colonel von Niedermayer owes his exceptional position amongst the leaders of the present German Army to a unique combination of scholarship, daring and political ability. A Bavarian staff officer, he first sprang into the public limelight in 1915 when he led the German Diplomatic Mission to Afghanistan, destined to incite that country against India, through the Allied lines and the deserts

of Eastern Persia; earning thereby the highest German order and Knighthood, together with the nickname of "the German Lawrence."

Subsequently he opposed Col. T. E. Lawrence as chief of staff of the Turkish army operating east of the Jordan.

After the war it was he who, as A. D. C. to the minister of war Gessler, went to Moscow to establish the secret German training units within the "Red Army" and remained in charge of them for eight years, until, in 1932, he came to Berlin to undertake the organisation of the academic side of German rearmament.

A favourite of Marshal von Blomberg, and one of the few officers to join the Nazi party in the summer of 1933, he quickly realised the immense opportunities offered by it to an adventurous disposition like his own and threw himself with all his energy into the task of championing it both in the ranks of the army and in the academic world, meanwhile developing his institute into the principal centre of German military studies.

It was this soldier-scholar-politician who, in a lecture on the "Nord und Ostsee" delivered in March, 1937, in a course of lectures on the "strategic geography of oceans" at the Institut für Meereskunde at Berlin—published in the following year under the title of "Kleine Wehrgeographie de Weltmeeres"—adopted Admiral Wegener's ideas.

The manner in which he made clear, in carefully veiled yet utterly unmistakable language, Germany's interests in and demands upon her northern neighbours and her determination to take them under her protection in time of war, constitutes a masterpiece of tongue-in-the-cheek diplomacy.

"If," he said, "during the World War the possibilities of an attack carried over sea against Germany were small, in the present era of air warfare this northern front gains additional importance. Germany has therefore a vivid interest in the maintenance of the full and equal neutrality of the minor powers bordering upon these two northern seas, the free use of their territorial waters for her merchant shipping and the prevention of an extension of her defensive fronts in this direction. These states have been so long immune from attack that they do not constitute themselves a danger for us or allow somebody else to threaten us across them."

"They must, however, realise that questions of national existence have in the last resort to be solved by force. There is a series of strategically important positions in their possession, which in a war would constitute important objectives for a belligerent wishing to attack his opponent across them, but equally so for one merely wishing to defend himself against such an attack."

"I would like to mention here merely the South West Coast of Norway, the Danish-Swedish Narrows, Gotland and the Aaland Islands. If these states wish to protect their neutrality effectively, they must take care that its infringement should appear as a real risk to an aggressor. That, however, to-day, is the case only with a few amongst them and only with great qualifications. Their measures of coast defence are largely wholly inadequate."

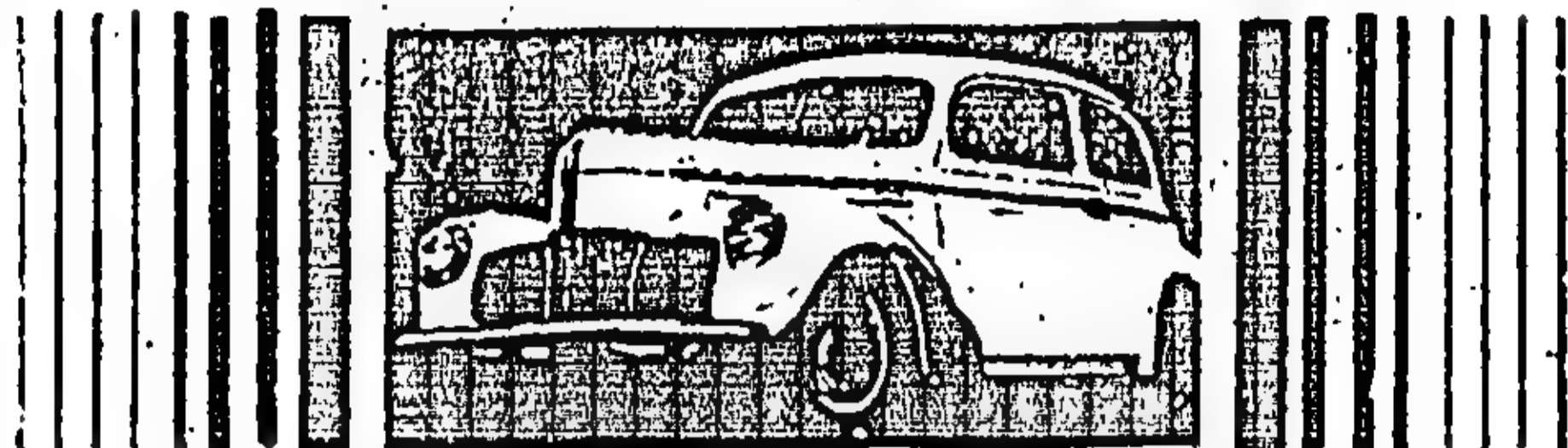
"And one more point: the political attitude of the governments and peoples concerned is of vital importance in determining a truly neutral attitude. That National-Socialist Germany has reason for serious misgivings in this respect anybody who reads the Baltic and Nordic Press will realise. As for the importance of Holland's position in aerial strategy, so much has been written upon it that it is merely necessary to touch upon it here."

Here, then, three years before Ribbentrop's White Book, we find the whole case for the occupation of these countries on the plea of their connivance with an enemy of Germany developed in advance by one of the officers in the closest contact with the heads of the German War Machine, with a subtlety of implication that shows clearly how far the German Defence Forces had travelled from the blunt frankness of the World War.

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Acting Governor At King's College Speech Day

"IT IS WITH GREAT pleasure that I can announce that we now have another scholarship in the school. This is due to the generosity of Mr. Li Po-chun, who has provided funds for one scholarship in each class," said Mr. H. G. Wallington, M.A., headmaster, at the annual speech-day and prize-giving of King's College.

The prizes were distributed by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton. With him on the official platform were Mr. Wallington, Mr. C. G. Solis, Director of Education; Mr. Alfred Morris; Mr. G. P. de Martin; Mr. F. J. de Rome; Captain S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., and Mr. G. F. Reiss, Second Master. Presenting his annual report, Mr. Wallington thanked His Excellency for the honour he had bestowed upon the school. "I am sure that everyone fully appreciates the fact that in times like the present you are one of the busiest men in the Colony and that you have this morning given up valuable time shows your keen interest in the education of the Colony."

"The school re-opened with a maximum enrolment of 858 and throughout the year the percentage attendance was 96 per cent. This I consider to be extremely good in view of a certain amount of evacuation to Shanghai and Macao that took place after the Chinese New Year holidays."

"It was in September that Class 4 was almost entirely removed from the district schools and concentrated in King's and Queen's Colleges, and as a result I had five divisions of Class 4 in this school."

"The Matriculation Examination was held during the first week in June 1940. This was earlier than in previous years. The school re-opened one week late and the fact that the Matriculation examination was put forward made a very short year. Forty-eight boys entered for Matriculation, of whom 31 passed obtaining 8 distinctions. Of the 31 who passed, 5 were boys from Class 2 who entered as private students. This was unknown to me until the examination took place and although I am pleased that they did pass I do not consider it a good thing."

"For one thing, boys who pass in this way are usually too young to enter the University and have to waste a year before entering. Also, usually, they leave thus depriving the school of some of its best students one year early. If the entry of students from a non-matriculation class is permitted I can see no reason why, in future years, boys from Classes 3 and 4 should not try their luck provided they can get someone outside the school to sign the entrance forms."

Governor's Speech

His Excellency, replying, said: First let me begin by saying

that I consider the report we have just heard to be a very satisfactory one.

Mr. Wallington has held the office of Principal for under two years and during the last year, owing to war conditions, he has had considerable difficulties to overcome. Several reasons contribute to make me believe that he has every reason to be pleased with the success of his administration during a difficult period.

First the examination results are above the average and are distinctly creditable. We may take it that the primary object of schools is to teach and the most immediate and obvious test of the standard of teaching of a school is found in the results of open examinations. Here then I think it is safe to say that all is well with the School.

Second the School has put up a good record at games—a better record than for some years, and here the general upward trend of the standard in which they are competing must not be forgotten. This cult of games and healthy open-air exercises is a big factor in young China to-day and one which is conspicuously in evidence in Hong Kong.

Admirable Spirit

Third I am struck with the admirable spirit which must actuate the seniors who have devoted so much time out of their well-earned holidays to the voluntary instruction of their poorer compatriots. The performance of boys in Classes 1 and 11 in this direction during last summer holidays was a really fine bit of work, and I should like to congratulate the boys concerned, who spontaneously organised and carried it out.

Here then are the grounds for my satisfaction with the year's work of the School. The inference is that the School has made good mentally, physically and morally, and there can be very little wrong with it if these three aspects of its life are so flourishing.

In congratulating Mr. Wallington on these results I do not forget the share of the credit which is due to his staff. They have achieved what we should all hope to do in war, when a very special extra effort is required from all of us; they have carried out their own task most satisfactorily and in addition have done their duty in shouldering their share of the Volunteer activities for the defence of the Colony in an emergency.

Scout Troop

I must refer to one point in Mr. Wallington's report, to wit, the Scout Troop. Should an emergency occur the Boy Scout organisation is going to have an outstanding opportunity of playing its part in the very best type of Scout work for the good of the community. It would be a pity if King's College, which has showed already so excellent a spirit in voluntary work, should not play its full part here; if it is to do so it will be necessary to expand the present strength of its Scout Troop and for this purpose it seems necessary to organise a supply of more Scouters to train it.

Now I want to express my great appreciation of the generosity of Mr. Li Po-chun, who as you have heard, has provided no less than ten new scholarships to the School. This is indeed a wise and public-spirited act of generosity, and one of which the donor may well be proud.

Finally I will conclude this brief address with an item which seldom falls to go with a saying in any school in any part of the world, and that is to request Mr. Wallington to grant the School a holiday to celebrate this occasion as a mark of my satisfaction of an excellent year's work by the whole team, Principal, staff and boys.

THEY FOUND UNEXPLODED BOMB OF LAST WAR

Digging in a Rams-gate garden, where they were installing an Anderson shelter, Corporation employees stopped work abruptly when they came across an unexploded bomb.

A bomb disposal unit of the R.E.'s hurried to the scene and brought to the surface a small bomb dropped in the last war.

"It was of the 25lb. type, and should have exploded on contact," said the N.C.O. in charge. "It must have been lying there for nearly twenty-five years."

PROBLEM OF WINTER TRAFFIC

The Minister of Transport (Col. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon) has set up a special committee of traffic experts to solve the problems of transport during the winter.

On this committee, who have already met, are representatives of the Ministries of Home Security, Health and Labour, and traffic chiefs from Scotland Yard and many local authorities.

Their object is to re-arrange traffic facilities in the light of new conditions that will be created by air raids and earlier hours of darkness and to create emergency machinery which may be put into operation at a moment's notice in any part of London.

Many Proposals

No final decisions have yet been reached, but the committee are considering many proposals daily.

Already London Transport have a pool of 600 buses for emergencies, which can be switched about where and when required.

One suggestion being considered by the committee is that this fleet should be increased by some of the many hundreds of coaches and charabancs which have been lying idle since war began.

Another idea under review is closer cooperation between all the main-line railways and London Transport Board with the possibility of inter-availability of tickets between them all.

It is likely that pre-war Green Line coach services will be fully restored by double-decked buses—as many coaches are still being used by the Government on ambulance service.

It is certain, too, that peak hours of travelling will change with the conditions; the various services will cooperate with business premises to prepare for new rush hours.

The question of speeding up trains now limited to 15 miles an hour during Alerts has also been considered.

This is unlikely to be changed, because increased speeds would mean increased "flashing" from electric trains and steam trains would have to increase the size of their fires which might make them visible by flames from their smoke stacks.

ALL-CHINA PHOTO EXHIBITS

(By "Paul Pry")

The second All-China Exhibition of Photography, under the auspices of the Photographic Society of Hong Kong, opens in the Peacock Lounge, First Floor, Exchange Building, to-day and will remain open until and including Sunday next.

One hundred photographs of an almost universally high standard are being exhibited and will be of interest to professional, amateur and novice alike.

Despite the impact of battles and wars, the standard of the exhibition is fully up to that set by the first All-China exhibition held last year, although restrictions and other factors have forced photographers more towards indoor photography, so that portraiture and character studies occupy a major section in the exhibit.

Most of the 30 photographers are resident in Hong Kong, but 24 prints were contributed by Shanghai photographers and are of an equally high standard. As was the case last year, 50 of the best photographs are being sent home for display by the Royal Photographic Society as an indication of the strength of pictorial photography in China. Copies, and in some cases the actual originals, of most of the photographs displayed can be purchased.

It is difficult to pick out more than a few outstanding exhibits for special mention. Somewhat strangely, there is only one "nude" on display—"Le Dos," by Liu Shu Chong. This has been exhibited at Home and is reported to have attracted a great deal of favourable comment.

Personally, we thought it as bad an example of nude photography as we have seen in a long time—an uninteresting back and stern-shoulders, truncated arm, hand growing out of a neck, ugly wrinkles at the bottom of a foot, and so on. Its redeeming feature is the modelling of the back, and Mr. Liu is to be congratulated on the handling of his lights; this is really well done, but in our estimation the other faults, particularly those of composition, far outweigh the sole good feature.

"Impact"

Among the most interesting prints are two by Sam Tata, of Shanghai, who, besides turning in excellently composed pictures with plenty of what someone calls "impact," achieves a degree of glossiness on the prints that is little short of amazing.

Tata's work, incidentally, is among the best in the show. He has a three-quarter character study, entitled "A Prince of his People," which contains practically nothing to which the carping critic could point an annoyed digit, and much to interest both the layman and the professional.

To our mind, one of the outstanding head studies is "Autumn Sunshine," by O. Griffiths, who is a soldier with the Royal Corps of Signals. The detail and the lighting of this particular exhibit are almost perfect, and we were glad to note that this picture bears the "gold star" that signifies it is among the 50 to be sent home for exhibition.

An interesting exhibit, and one that will puzzle many laymen, is "After the Tang Masters," by Chin San Long, A.R.P.S. Mr. Chin bases his work on the paintings of the Chinese old masters and by clever use of paper negatives and a brush, achieves an effect in black and white with landscapes that, save in matter of size and colour, makes the finished product look just like the scrolls that hang on the walls of many a Chinese home.

He was not so happy in his choice of a "mesh" for his "Spring Tracery," a study of the limb and branches of a tree. Photographically, the picture is an excellent one, but the lines of the mesh show up very unfortunately on the large expanses of sky and at a casual glance it looks as though the negative suffered from reticulation.

Francis Wu, who is very well known both at Home and in

BOMBS DROPPED ON ESSEX COAST

Later reports of enemy air activity show that yesterday afternoon bombs were also dropped at a place on the Essex coast, says an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique. Several houses were damaged and a few casualties caused. — British Wireless.

BRITAIN'S BALANCE SHEET

High officials of the United States defence and fiscal departments have been summoned to the Treasury to meet the Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau.

He will tell them the facts concerning Britain's financial resources which have been given by Sir Frederick Phillips, the British Treasury envoy.

It is understood that during their two-hour conversation at Mr. Morgenthau's home on Monday night, Sir Frederick presented a balanced statement of Britain's resources and costs of supply. — Reuter.

A.R.P. WARDEN INSPECTION DATE CHANGE

It is announced in connection with the inspection of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens by His Excellency, The Acting Governor, that owing to unforeseen circumstances it will not be possible for His Excellency to inspect the corps on Sunday, 22nd December. The inspection will therefore take place on Saturday, 21st December 1940 at 3.30 p.m. The Chief Air Raid Warden, Hong Kong, appeals to all employers of labour who have on their Staffs Air Raid Wardens to give them every facility for attending the parade.

America, has several photographs on exhibit, but most of them are not up to his usual standard of excellence. The reason for this is perhaps rather simple:—He has had so many of his best photographs exhibited that he felt he simply had to show some new work — and he has been so busy lately that he did not have time to really get properly into the mood of things!

An A.R.P.S.

A few days ago, incidentally, Wu received the glad news he had been made an A.R.P.S., a signal honour when one realises that he joined the Royal Photographic Society only last June. The Photographic Society of Hong Kong now has two A.R.P.S.s, the other being Walter Clark, whose "Dayn" curiously enough, almost seems to reproduce better in the catalogue than it does in the original!

Space precludes going into further analysis of the prints, but among the other outstanding exhibits are "The Sentinel," "A Solemn Stillness Holds" by R. A. Baker (who has a number of excellent prints on exhibit) and one terrible effort entitled "Sophisticated Lady," a still life, "From the Garden," by Francis Wu; "A Misty Day," by Lo Tai Cho; Lau Cho Chai's famous "Smoke," a study of junks and smoke; and Chin San Long's "Monk's Paradise" and "Amidst the Clouds."

Incidentally, the exhibition charges no entrance fee — and there is no collection!

BRITAIN CANNOT LOSE THE WAR

"BRITAIN CANNOT lose the war unless we are guilty of wavering on the road to victory," said Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, speaking in London last evening.

"I do not say victory is round the corner," Mr. Greenwood added, "but I do say unhesitatingly that Germany cannot win."

"Our naval power to-day is relatively greater than any other period of the war. Our air strength grows day by day."

Our new armies are steadily growing in numbers, equipment, efficiency and striking power.

"Our industrial power in relation to war production continues to expand."

"The moral power of our people has never been higher than to-day after the most severe testing to which any nation has ever been subjected."

Enemies Puzzled

"Our enemies are puzzled and angered that a people whom they had been led to believe were decadent and devoid of vigorous qualities, attacked by the so-called dynamic young nations,

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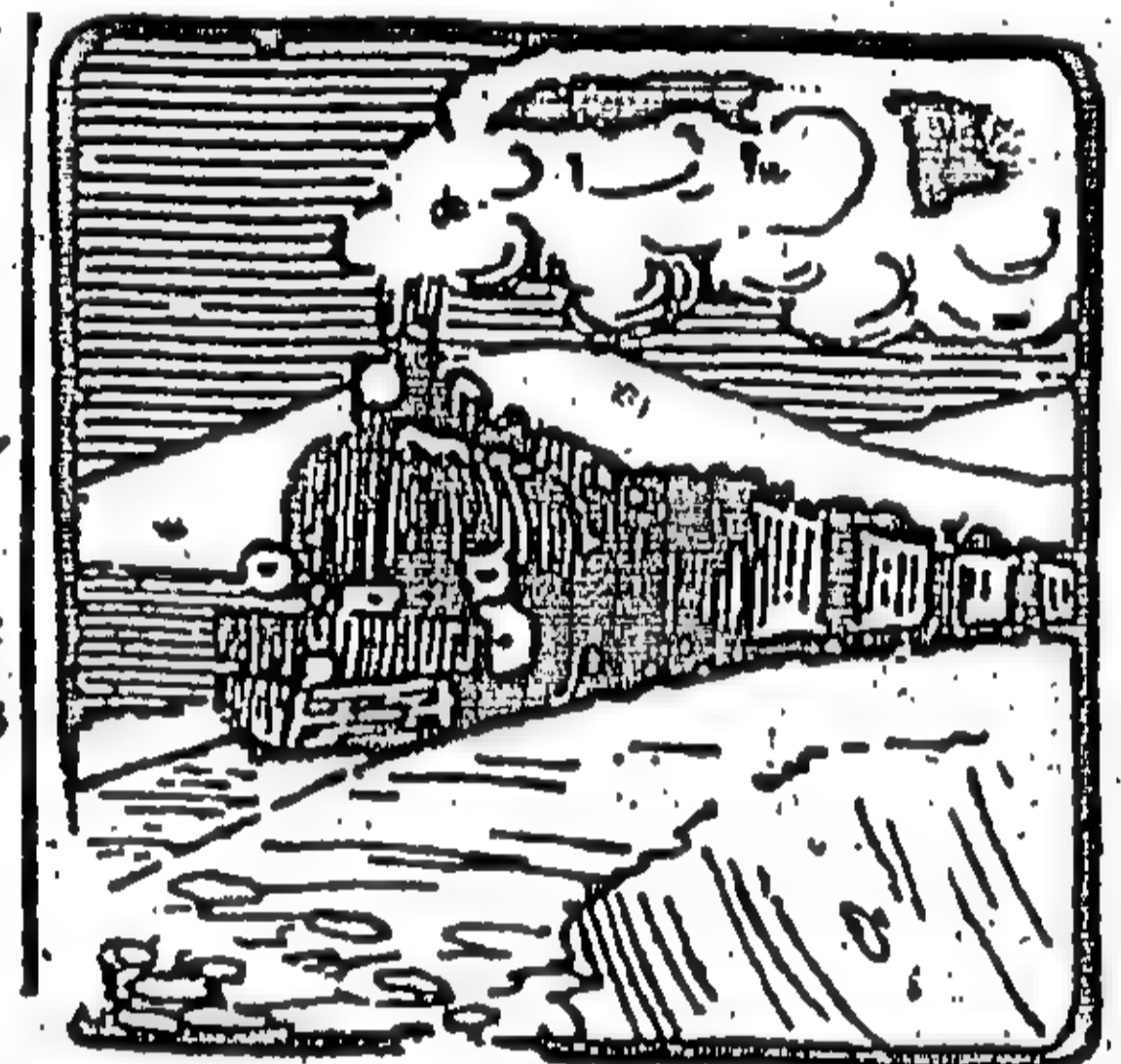
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Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1940.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th Dec., 1940.

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Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1940.

BRIDGE NOTES

SAFETY FIRST

By The Four Aces

South played to-day's hand to make sure of four hearts — and found himself making five!

North, Dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ A 5
♥ 7 6 3
♦ Q 5 4
♣ A K J 10 5
♠ J 9 7 6 2
♥ K
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 8 7 4 3
♠ N
♥ W
♦ E
♣ S
♠ K Q 8 3
♥ A Q 10 9 5 4
♦ 7 6
♣ Q

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the ten of diamonds, East overtaking with the Jack in order to make sure of continuing the suit.

South ruffed the third diamond with the ten of trumps, relieved when West followed suit. Now South could afford to lose one trump — but not two. His safest play was to lay down the Ace of trumps at once — and that, to his gratification, dropped. West's blank king. It was then a simple matter to enter dummy with the spade Ace to finesse through East's Jack of hearts.

Now look at the other side of the picture. Suppose South plays the hand thoughtlessly by going over to the spade Ace to make the first trump play from the dummy. The finesse of the heart Queen loses to West's King and South then regains the lead.

But what does he do next? Does he taken another finesse in hearts? Or does he bang down the Ace in the hope of dropping the Jack? Whichever he does — he is just guessing. And the advantage of South's actual play is that it spares him that guess; for he will lose only one trump trick unless West has three or four headed by King-Jack — in which case no play would succeed.

Yesterday you were Merwin D. Maier's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ A Q 6 5 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 5
♣ J 6 3 2

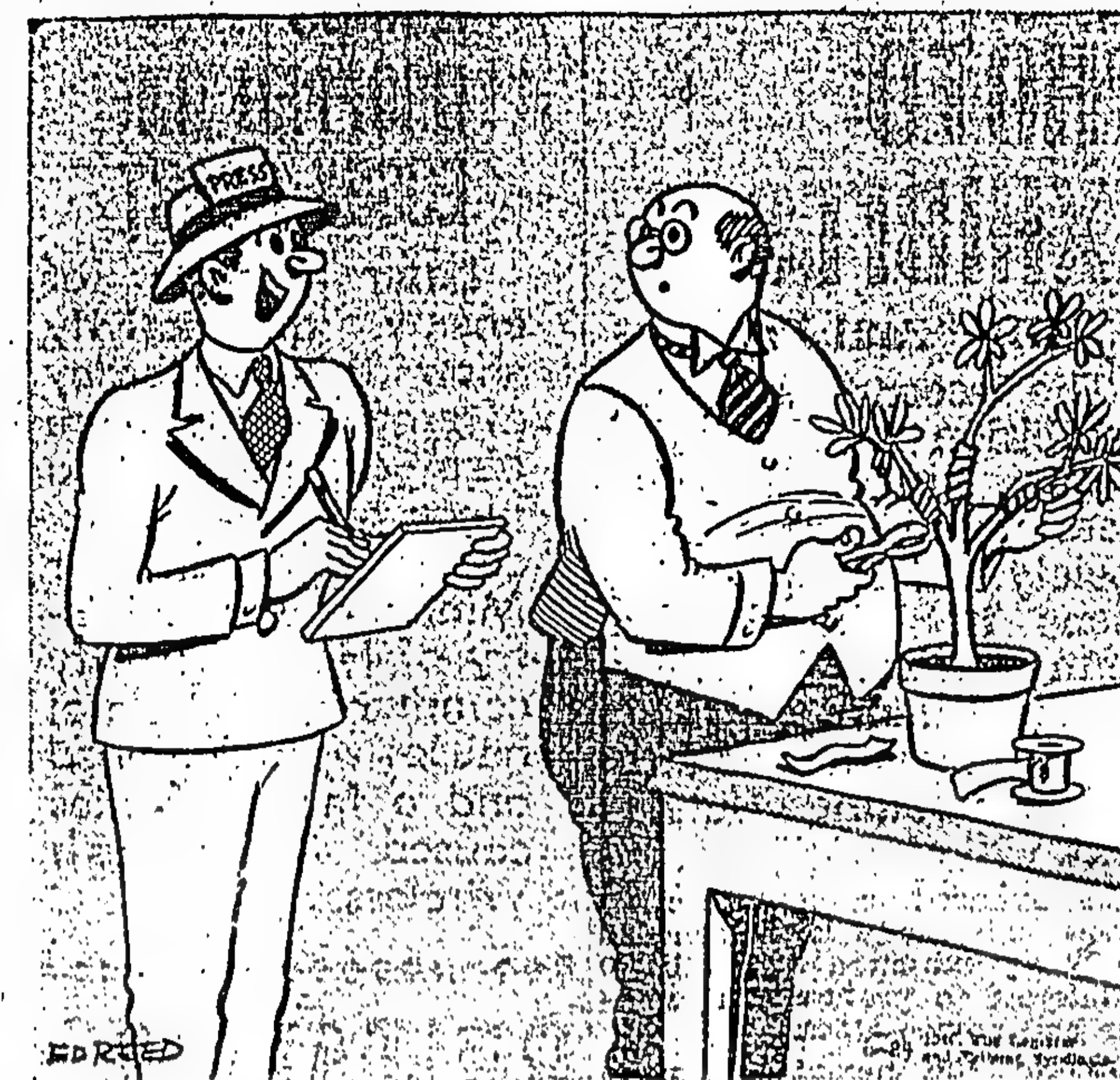
The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♠	4♥	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid five clubs. Your partner's free rebid at the level

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Question No. 586

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K Q 5 4
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ K 4 3
♣ 2

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Jacoby	Maier
1♠	2♠	Dbl.	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow.)

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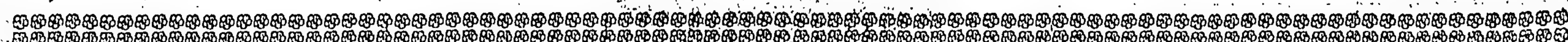
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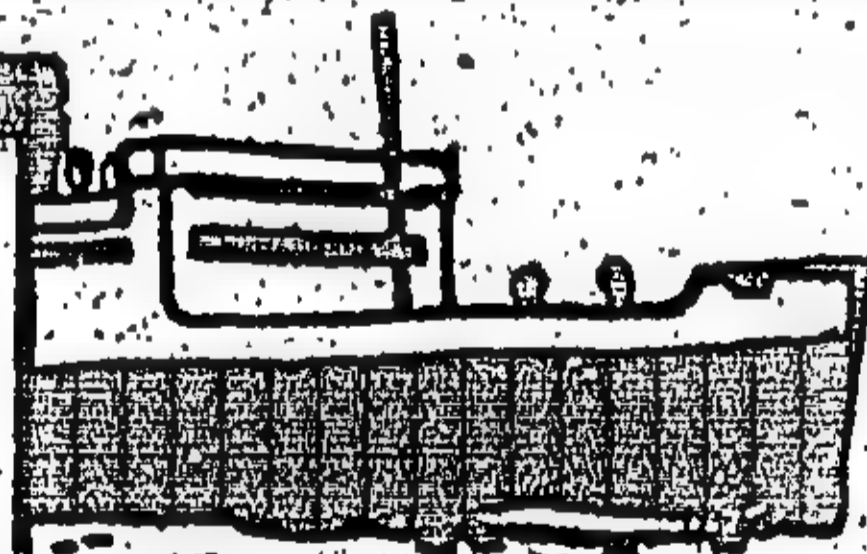
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MONDAY

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai —(San Francisco date, 18th Nov.),
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London and Straits.

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12.30 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra and Phyllis Robins (Vocal).

1.03 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.

1.15 p.m.—Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 92 in G Major ("Oxford").

1st Mov: Adagio—Allegro spiritoso; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Menuetto (Allegretto) and Trio; 4th Mov: Presto...Orchestra de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire cond. by Bruno Walter.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

8.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Haydn.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—Liberty Hall Variety.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Concert by Paradise Islanders.

1. Hula Blues; 2. South Sea Island Magic; 3. Hawaii Calls (From the Film); 4. The Palms of Paradise (From the Film "Typhoon"); 5. My Blue Heaven; 6. Indian Love Call (From "Rope-Marie"); 7. When You Dream About Hawaii; 8. I'll Never Smile Again.

8.33 p.m.—Marek, Weber and His Orchestra.

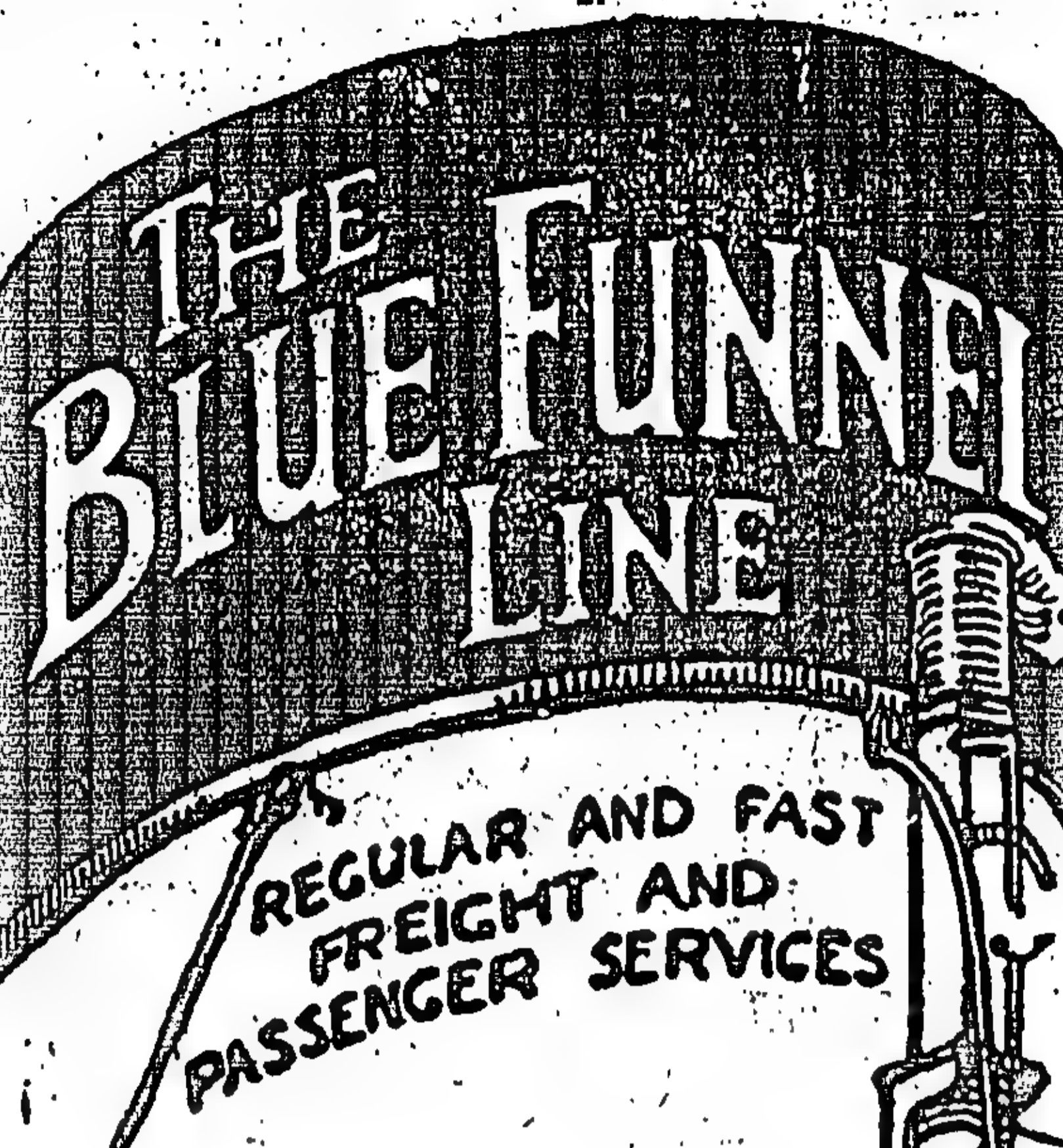
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News-Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talks: "To Talk of Many Things."

9.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Mantovani and His Orchestra.

10.15 p.m.—Variety—Reginald Forsythe & Arthur Young, The Two Cockney Kids, Horat Schimmelpenninck, and Larry Adler.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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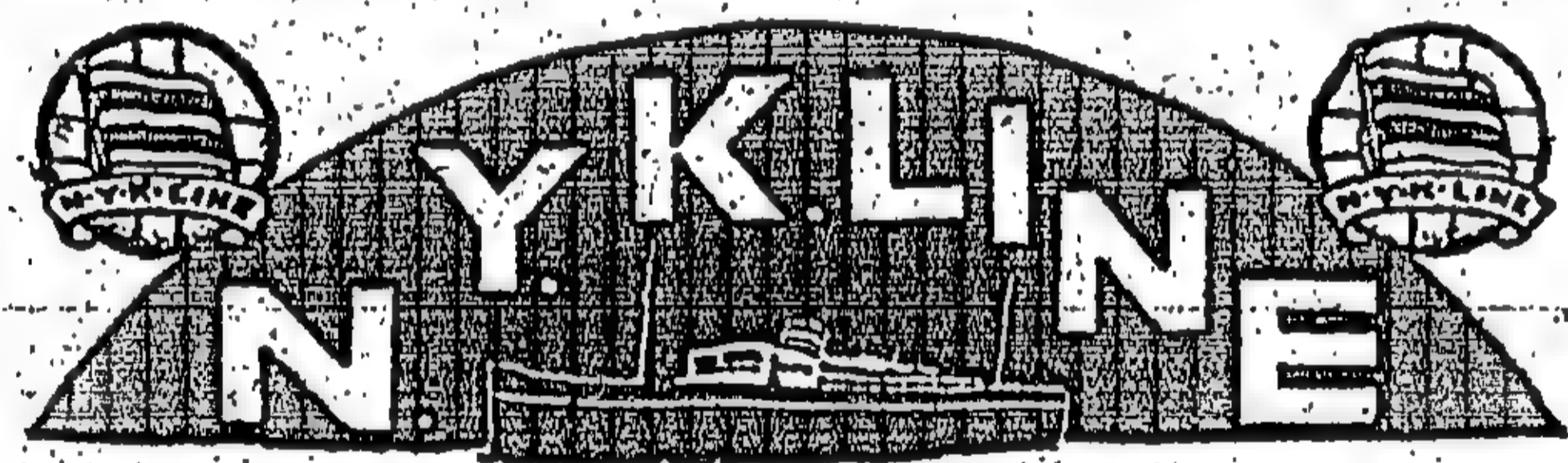
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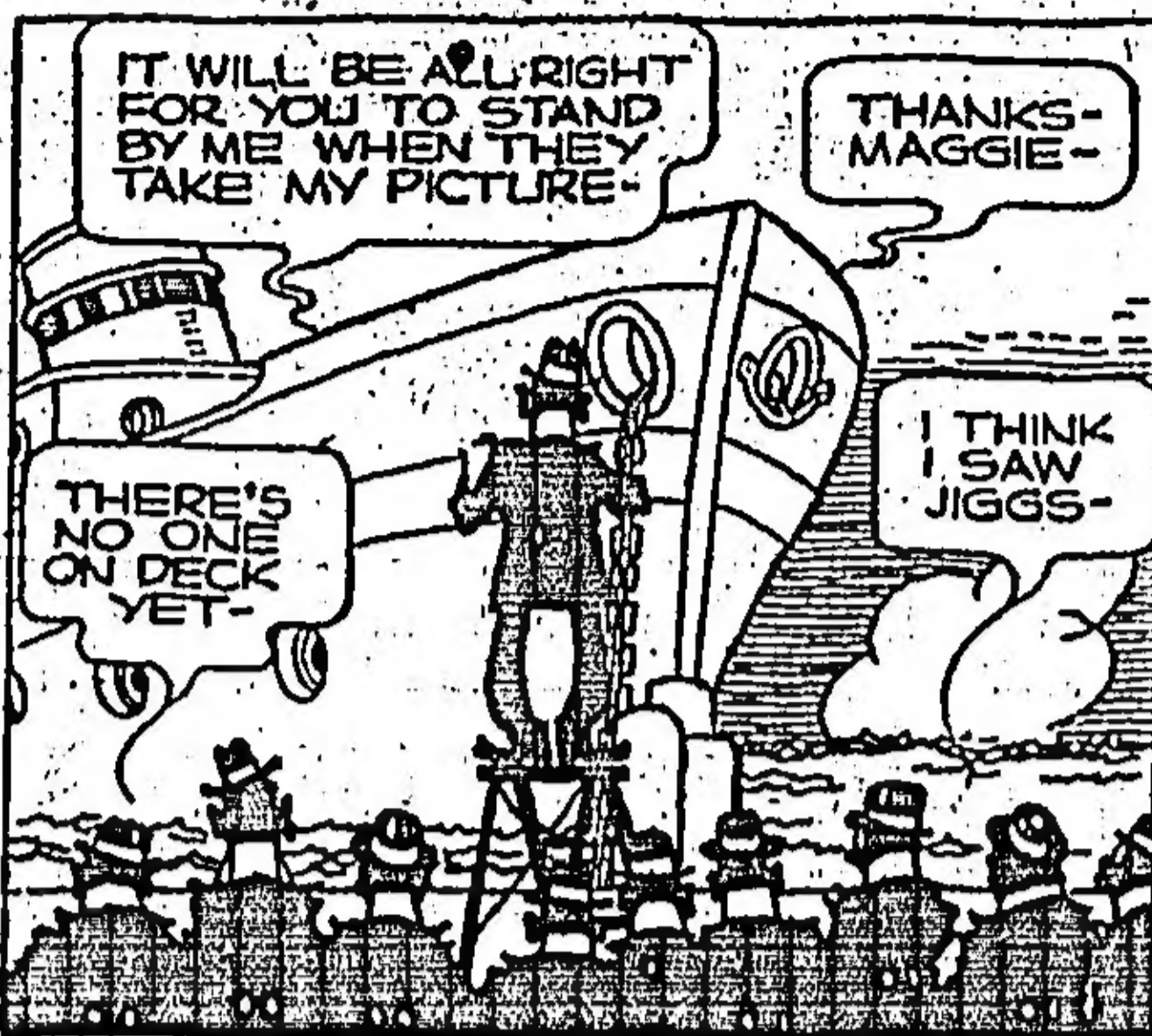
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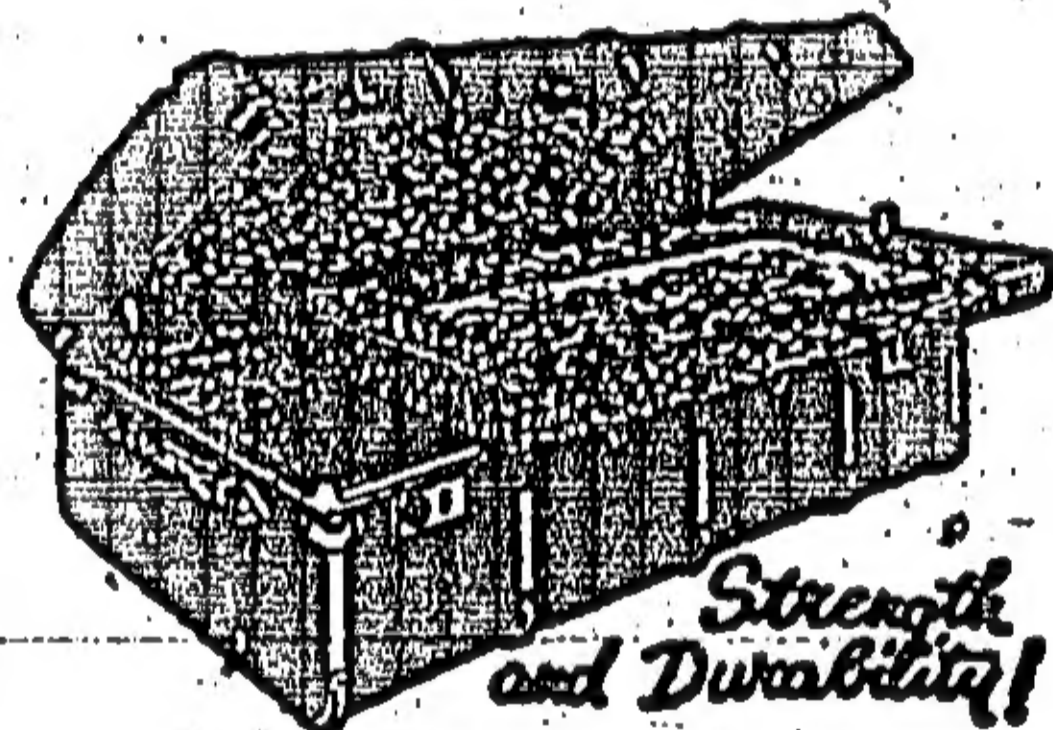
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The first of these vessels to call at Hong Kong will be the s.s. "Zoella Lykes". Temporary schedule provides for this vessel to sail from Hong Kong on January 29th, arriving at San Francisco on February 12th, at Los Angeles on February 14th and at New York on March 2nd.

This vessel will be followed by the s.s. "Reuben Tipton," which is scheduled to sail from Hong Kong on February 18th arriving at San Francisco on March 14th, at Los Angeles on March 6th and at New York on March 22nd. Although these schedules are temporary, it is expected that the sailing dates are approximately correct. These vessels will be followed by vessels of the same type with monthly sailings.

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QUIET MOOD ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Although sentiment on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was brighter, business generally ruled quiet. Greek and Far Eastern loans, especially Chinese, moved higher but Brazilians, occasionally were offered. Oils met with a good enquiry. Anglo-Iranian advancing from 31/3 to 35/-. Several industrials strengthened, while Kafir dividend payers further appreciated or local support. Wall Street was quiet.—Reuter.



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SOFTBALL

Tommy Chan's Late Homer Gives Chinese Close Win

Ruel And Leight Also In Great Form

Saints Only Just Beat Canadians

By "Grandstand"

HIGHLIGHTED BY A homer in the last frame, which clinched the decision for the Chinese Baseballers, the formidable Hong Kong Baseballers were nosed out by 8-7, thereby losing the League leadership after holding it since their sensational win over the Recreio Aces.

Besides this last-inning four-master, by Chinese first-sacker Tommy Chan, Henry "Crooner" Ruel clouted a pair of four-baggers for the Liumen, whilst the Waggonermen replied with Lou Leight's round-tripper in the sixth. All four round-trippers were made with none aboard.

In the absence of Maxie Edwards, "Screwball" Jones took the rubber for the Mohawks tribe, but it was not the same Jones that had the Indians tamed last week, as he was connected for 11 safeties, of which three were homers, but conceded only one pass without any strikeouts.

Ruel's three in four trips to the plate, just about won the ball game for the Liumen. Tuffy Chinn, working on the slab for the Chinese Baseballers, yielded two singles, fanned one, but passed two, and was relieved in the beginning of the second by George White, after stopping Lou Leight's mile-a-second bullet liner which nearly blasted his left eye out! The swiftness of the ball can be gauged by the fact that it smacked Chinn and bounced right across first base before anybody knew what happened. Toiling on the mound for the rest of the game, White won his first pitching assignment, conceding seven blows, of which five were bunched up in the sixth for four Waggoner markers, and handed out no less than five free tickets to first. Six Liumen were left stranded on the bases compared to the eight Waggonermen who died on the sacks.

First Blood

The Chinese Baseballers drew first blood in the initial frame when "Crooner" Ruel homered after two down. In the Hong Kong Baseballers' half of the innings, Reardon, Hearther and Fitch choked the sacks on a fielder's choice, a hit and a walk to threaten with one out. Jones dumped forced Reardon at the home-plate for the second error, whilst Frank Crews grounded out to first to end the uprising.

In spite of the fact that they had ducks in the pond in the second stanza, the Chinese Baseballers were blanked, Joe Fisher and Howard Lee failing to come through with a safety.

Taking advantage of two wild Chinese heaves, the Mohawks scored three times with a hit in the third to take the lead, but the Chinese produced two tallies in the third to knot the count. In the fourth, both sides were retired in one, two, three order, but Ruel's second four-bagger of the day in the fifth broke the tie.

Fireworks

The fireworks started in the sixth, when the Chinese dented the counting station with a spurge of three runs, the first on Wally Ching's sacrifice to deep centre, whilst left-fielder Hank Sperry's first fumble of the season, after two were out cost the Hong Kong Baseballers two expensive runs.

Staging a late rally, the Waggonermen nicked White for five blows, scoring four times to knot the count once more.

Coming into the last semester, Earl Wong, flied out to Fitch. Excitement was reaching fever pitch when Tommy Chan next at bat, socked Jones' floater right on the nose. Gardener Sperry was still looking for the ball out in the road when Chan romped over the plate with the winning run.

In the Hong Kong Baseballers last time with the stick, mentor Chuck Waggoner pinched run for Doc Molthen, who singled to centre to put the tying run on base with two down, but Joe Morris flied out for the game to end.

Saints' Narrow Win

In the other Senior League tilt, fielding a scratch nine, the Saints secured a narrow victory over the Canadians. Both sides booted four times, but the Saints out-hit the Canucks to take the 5-2 decision. Geegee Lee, hurling for the Maple Leafs, although conceding seven safeties showed pretty good form and adopted the strategy of depending on his fielders; he was guilty of one wild pitch. Lee fanned one, when he fooled Dave Leonard, the great Bambino, with his nothing ball. Manson on the slab for the Collegians also whiffed one, issued no walks, and only yielded four scattered blows.

Bill Ing and Cruz both batted safely twice in their three trips to take batting honours for the fracas.

The Saints opened the score first with five runs on five hits, whilst three errors in the third gave the Maple Leafs their only two runs. A peculiar feature of the game was that all the runs for both sides were scored in one inning, a string of goose eggs, decorating the score-board for the other chapters.

Canuck Johnnie Delgado created the surprise of the game by clamping his hands on all the four flies that came his way in the centre patch.

RECORD SET BY LILY SEQUEIRA!

By "Grandstand"

In the opener of the Ladies' League the Wildcats had an easy time handing out a 29-3 defeat to the Chung Hwa lassies. Thelma Collaco, chucking for the Untamed Felines, was in top form and pitched the first no-hitter of the season, having the Chung Hwa squad eating out of her hands. She fanned four but issued three free tickets to first.

Ella Chinn, on the mound for the losers, walked four but struck out none. Two-baggers were clouted by Irene "Sluggo" Pereira and Mary Mar, whilst Doris Mar banged out a triple for the longest hit of the game.

A Massacre

The Cardinals massacred the Little Flowers 42-6 in spite of the fact that all the reserves were thrown into the game. Hurler Egegina Babida was in her usual good form, fanning two and walking two Florinbas, whilst Lily Silva, on the slab for the Florinbas, had little support from her team-mates, who booted 25 fielding chances, of which short-stop Lily Sequeira was responsible for 11 to smash all existing records for errors by any one player.

V. Rozario relieved Lily Silva in the later stages of the game and between them they walked four, the only strikeout being by Silva.

Of the 21 blows collected by the Redbirds, Kitty Bush was good for five in her three trips, whilst Faladona and June Hall both batted safely four times in seven. Doubles were made by Bush, Faladona, Hall and Babida, but Florinha Socorro Sequeira banged the only triple of the tilt.

Slugging Spree

The Canadian Chinese overwhelmed the Baby Panthers by 11-8 in a slugging spree in which the Maple Leafs connected, Lella Xavier, Pantherette hurler, for 11 safeties, including Alice Mar and Ulian Khoo's ruthian wallops, with none on the sacks on both occasions.

Playing almost errorless ball, the Canuckettes returned to their pennant-winning form of last season, huffer Mary Ng pitching a two-hitter, fanning six, but letting two Panthers get to first on balls.

The Baby Panthers started well enough, Norma Silva's homer in the first scoring. Hilda Soares ahead of her, but a double-killing soon dampened their enthusiasm. With the exception of the third inning, in which the Panthers scored one more run on a hit and an error, they were shut out in one, two, three order for the rest of the game.

Batting honours go to Ulian Khoo, who made good four times in five, whilst Alice Mar and Rene Yuen also batted safe three in five.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Service Corps meet Ordinance at Sookunpoo, this afternoon at 4 p.m. in Second Division of Hong Kong Football League.

In their first meeting last week, Service Corps won by 5 clear goals in a game which was featured by the brilliant goal-keeping of Reynolds of Ordinance.

The Royal Navy will meet South China in a friendly football game at Causeway Bay, at 4.30 p.m. today.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

Ladies' League

	Games	W.	L.	Pctn
Canadian Chinese	6	0	1,000	
Wildcats	5	0	1,000	
Wahoos	4	2	.667	
Baby Panthers	4	3	.571	
Cardinals	3	3	.500	
Recreio Ramblarettes	2	4	.333	
Chung Hwa	0	6	.000	
Little Flowers	0	6	.000	

Senior League

St. Joseph's	5	1	.833
H.K. Baseballers	5	2	.714
Cyclones	4	2	.667
Chinese Baseballers	3	2	.600
Recreio Aces	2	2	.500
Indians	2	3	.400
Filipinos	1	4	.200
Canadian Chinese	0	6	.000

Junior League

Chung Hwa	3	0	1,000
Recreio Bees	4	1	.800
Cosmos	3	1	.750
R.A.F.	3	1	.750
V.R.C.	2	1	.667
Liga Portuguesa	2	2	.500
Royal Scots	2	2	.500
South China	1	1	.500
Central British	1	4	.200
8th R.A.	1	5	.167
Royal Engineers	0	4	.000

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AROMIN'S CHALLENGE TO COLLINS

The Sports Editor, "China Mail"

Sir—I have been approached by a promoter who asked if I was prepared to stake my feather and bantam weight titles against Len Collins should he, the promoter, be able to arrange the fight.

There is nothing I would like better than to meet Collins in the ring, over 15 three-minute rounds. I would suggest that a percentage of the gate receipts be devoted to the Bomber Fund, and as I understand Collins is also looking for a real honest-to-goodness fight, I hope he will be prepared to take me on the same terms, that is, winner takes all!

Now Collins, how about it?

"Young" Aromin

CRAIGENGOWER SELECTIONS

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. in a friendly cricket match against Kowloon C.C. on Saturday at the latter ground at 2 p.m.

G. Souza (Capt.), A. M. Omar, J. W. Leonard, B. J. Billimoria, A. J. Hulse, E. A. Lee, A. B. Hamson, B. I. France, W. Hong Sling, J. Youngsaye and A. H. Esmail. Reserves:—S. Leonard, O. M. Omar and U. H. Esmail.

Sunday's Game

The following will represent Craigengower on Sunday against the Royal Engineers at Sookunpoo, commencing at 11 a.m.

A. B. Hamson (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, T. Edgar, H. L. Forman, A. J. Hulse, C. W. Lam, E. Mitchell, J. L. Youngsaye and S. Ramchand. Umpire, G. S. Ladd.

The following will represent the Navy: Robinson; Roughly; Britt; Honeywell; Croft; Hawkins; Philippen; Le-Pago; Hendy; Birch; Barber.

To-morrow, a Navy side will meet a team from one of H.M. warships on the same ground, at the same time.

SHELLS TROUNCE TEXACANS

By "Grandstand"

In the inter-hong "battle of the Oilers," the Shells shellacked the Texacans by 20-4, after indulging in a slug-fest, in which hurlers Lessan and Pereira were nipped for 21 safeties, which included Huckjai Kitchell's and Georgie Gutierrez' four bagger.

Henry "Tubby" de Sa and Wabby Wahab were good for triples, whilst Hal Winglee and Bimby Ablong were also good for a double apiece. Thompson's three-bagger off Winglee, who took over mound duties from Bimby Ablong in the fifth, was the only extra-base clout for the Texacans. The only double-killing of the fray, was when Kitchell snared Lefevre's line-drive over second to toss Davis out at first. Two spurges of runs, totalling 14 for the first two stanzas, salted away the game away for the Shells, after which they just went through the movements to garner five more runs.

The first Texaco score came in the third on two successive hits by Charlie Ng Chun-wah and Steve Ozorio. In the sixth, Thompson dented the counting station once more on Larry Lawrence's timely single to short centre.

Lacas Win

In the other tilt, the Lacas trounced the Green Spots by 8-3, after being held scoreless for the first two innings. A. B. Hassan took the rubber for the Orange Squashers, but was connected freely.

The Green Spots were without the services of Stan Leonard, whose hitting was badly missed, while A. K. Omar's fielding would have been more effective had he not indulged in too much grandstand!

Nazarin on the mound for the Lacas was well supported by his mates, limiting the opposition to only three hard earned runs.

GUNNERS' FIRST WIN

By "Grandstand"

In the Junior circuit, the 8th R.A. provided the upset of the week by shading the Central Britshers 7-6 and gaining their first points to climb out of the cellar, which is now occupied by the Sappers.

Drabby Payne homered for the Artillerymen whilst the Gunners' battery of MacLean and Butler proved too good for the Central Britshers.

In the other game, the Victorians climbed three storeys in the League standing by downing the Sappers with a scratch team. Jock Brown pitched for the winners.

GOLF

CAPTAIN'S CUP DRAW

The following is the draw for the Captain's Cup competition, match play stages, of the Royal Hong-Kong Golf Club.

First round matches must be completed on or before December 29; second round January 19; 1941 third round February 9; semi-finals March 2; and final March 10.

Bye into second round:—M. L. Reidy (17) v T. Megarry (9); A. W. Bourne (9) v W. S. Hillier (10); W. W. C. Shewan (8) v T. Low (12); J. Linaker (15).

First Round:—A. J. Dennis (10) v S. L. Lloyd (10); K. S. Robertson (6) v G. Thompson (20); A. B. Purves (10) v H. A. Mills (17).

Bye into second round:—J. W. Clague (16) v F. A. Howard (17); A. H. McBride (12) v H. Overy (18); G. M. Park (7) v F. C. Young (14).

Jack Clement, ice-hockey star at Harvard, who was reported killed at Amiens where he was a member of an American ambulance unit, and awarded the Croix de Guerre "posthumously," has gone on to Switzerland for a job with the International Red Cross.



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BADMINTON LEAGUE OPENING

Four "B" Division Matches Down For Decision

K'loon Tong's Form Will Be Watched With Great Interest

By "Adrem"

THE ONLY "A" DIVISION MATCH DOWN FOR DECISION ON MONDAY HAVING BEEN POSTPONED ON THE INSTIGATION OF RECREIO, WHO HAD MOST OF THEIR PLAYERS AT CAMP, THE BADMINTON LEAGUE SEASON OF 1940/1 STARTS OFFICIALLY TO-DAY WITH A PROGRAMME OF TWO MATCHES IN EITHER SECTION OF "B" DIVISION.

I cannot see any fixture providing fare likely to be very inspiring except for Recreio's match with Chung Wah, which should be very interesting.

I have the Recreio line-up and I must say it does not look nearly as impressive as I expected it to be. E. A. R. Alves, who was in Swatow last year, is back again and with P. A. Yvanovich, jr., whom I believe, has improved quite a lot, will probably constitute the Portuguese first string.

Veteran A. E. Xavier will be partnered by jockey Paul Botelho, whom I have not seen in action. I understand that although he is very fast he is not very experienced. R. M. Soares and A. E. Noronha should do fairly well although until they have been seen in match-play their current form will be hard to estimate.

W. C. Choy Not Playing

Chung Wah will not after all have the services of W. C. Choy, former St. Andrew's player, and, on his day one of the best in the Colony. It appears that Choy, like so many others, has acquired a taste for roller-skating which has claimed him for a victim—he has strained his back and will not be able to turn out for some time. I have not been able to secure the line-up of the team but from the players selected a pretty formidable combination should be got together.

This match will be played at Recreio, as Chung Wah have not a court of their own, and will start at 6.30.

E. Zimmern For K.C.C.

The K.C.C. team, as originally selected, looked fairly useful but Camp has affected them in that Ernie Zimmern, who, although not very well known to League badminton, is a player of some experience. He was due to partner J. L. Anderson and should do well in subsequent matches.

A. L. Fisher, the K.C.C. captain, had not found a substitute yesterday morning as Zulauf, another possible player, is suffering from tennis elbow and there is not much

SAPPERS' INJURIES

Royal Engineers, who found it necessary to make several changes last week in their game against Navy owing to injuries, are still uncertain of their team against Kowloon on Saturday.

Palmer, their right back, and Chan Kum-poy, inside right, are still on the injured list and it is probable that they will not be available on Saturday. T. Jones will then play in place of Palmer and N. Jones will take up the centre-forward berth, with Fox, their regular leader, at inside right.

In spite of any changes, Sappers should have little difficulty against Kowloon.

Following have been chosen to represent Royal Engineers against Kowloon on Kowloon ground on Saturday: Mosham: T. Jones or A. N. Other and Tang Chung Pak; Birrell, Shaw, Taylor, Li Wah Lam, N. Jones or A. N. Other; Fox, Pitham and Chung Sing.

ARMY RUGBY CHANGES

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Following will represent Army against Navy in the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament on the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, on Saturday next at 4 p.m.—L/c. Picton, R.E.'s; Sgt. Richards, R.A., Capt. Douglass, R.S., Capt. Hook, R.A. (Capt.) and Pte. McDonald, R.A. M.C.; Lt. Coombes, R.A.M.C. and 2/Lt. Wedderburn, R.A.; Cpl. Sutherland, R.S., 2/Lt. Ford, R.S., 2/Lt. Bompas, R.A.; 2/Lt. Millar, R.S., 2/Lt. Heath, R.A.; 2/Lt. Pinkerton, R.S., Capt. Duke, R.S. and Cpl. Gillam, 1/Mx.

Reserves:—Capt. Barclay, R.A. M.C., L/c. Foley, R.E.'s, and Pte. Berry, 1/Mx.

There will be a training practice for all the above at Happy Valley at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

There are several interesting changes: Barclay has been displaced by Picton, who has been replaced by Richards, Douglass is back in the centre and will have Hook alongside him—Coombes is now fly-half—and McDonald retains his place on the wing in the absence of Marsh. Heath is again in the second row of the pack in place of the injured Cuthbertson.

It is a very strong team in comparison with last Saturday's side which beat Police, but I do not much like the fly-half experiment. Picton has at long last received his opportunity at full-back, and I don't think he will fail.

Navy Team

Following in the Navy team:—Lieut. Morahan; S/Lieut. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Paul, A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden; Mid. O'Riordan, Lt. Rutherford; L. S. A. Palmer, Lt. Watson (Capt.), Sergeant Manfield, C.P.O. Wtr. King, F/Lt. Taylor, A. B. Longmuir, S/Lt. Beattie, S/Lt. Poole.

Reserves:—S/Lieut. Kennedy, Cdt. Lamble, S/Lt. Winter, Lt. (E) Brown, L. A. C. Stockham.

The back division is unchanged, but Manfield is in the front row in place of Longmuir, who has gone to wing-forward in place of Brown. Beattie has gone to the middle of the back row, and King and Taylor now form the second row.

Winter deserved a game on his form last Saturday, but there is still time for him to earn his place as this Saturday's game concludes only the first Round of the Tournament.

SAPPERS' RUGBY XV FOR TO-DAY

Picton, who was unable to turn out for Engineers yesterday in the Army Small Units Rugby League as he was barred, having played for Army, will be playing this afternoon against Club. He will probably take the place of Jones.

Following is Engineer team:—Ottaway; Picton, Martin, Rees and Moore; Picton of Jones and Foley; Davis, Taylor, Sheldrake, Ellesley, Cunningham, Appleby, Wilcox and Killen.

In these opening matches should stand him in good stead later on.

Programme And Teams

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

"A" SECTION

V. R. C. v. King's College

Chung Wah v. Recreio

"B" SECTION

K. C. C. v. Police

Kowloon Tong v. St. Andrew's

Recreio v. E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich Jr.

A. E. Xavier and P. Botelho; R. M. Soares and A. E. Noronha.

St. Andrew's:—E. Fletcher and H. Kew; A. E. Brown and M. M. Davies.

A. S. Ellis and V. E. J. Merrett.

Kowloon Tong:—Francis Kwok and Richard Lee; Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; Chan Brothers.

Police:—A. R. S. Major and W. Gillespie; J. MacDonald and J. Gordon; H. Dinadale and C. Y. Liu.

Chung Wah:—From W. H. Choy, F. C. Leung, C. F. Chiu, S. F. Lee, S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu.

K.C.C.:—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; J. L. Anderson and S. O. Elso; A. E. P. Guest and F. J. Jones.

King's College:—S. P. Chan and K. L. Lai; W. C. Chung and K. J. Atwell.

K. H. Lo and P. Lam.

RUGBY

SAPPERS' EASY WIN IN ARMY LEAGUE

ROYAL ENGINEERS WON the sectional championship of the Army Small Units Rugby League when at Sookunpoo yesterday they beat Medicals by two goals and three tries (19 points) to two tries (6 points) after leading at the interval by 5-0.

The standard of Rugby was not high and Sappers had the better forwards, while in the defence Birrell, Martin and Foley were outstanding. Jones at back kicked well and was sure in his handling.

Engineers opened the scoring late in the first half when Foley scored a try which Birrell converted.

Sappers went further ahead a few minutes after the re-start when Birrell broke through to register another try and had no difficulty in converting.

Sheldrake, Foley and Birrell scored the other tries and Sappers were leading by 16-nil before Medicals reduced the lead through Scriven and again through Coombes. Both tries were not converted.

Royal Engineers:—Ottaway; Birrell, Martin, Rees and Moore; Jones and Foley; Davis, Taylor, Sheldrake, Ellesley, Cunningham, Appleby, Wilcox and Killen.

Medicals:—Morgan; Whybro, Pratt, Bartley and Coombes; MacDonald and Scriven; Milne, Wigglesworth, Chandler, Fernell, Collins, Mohan, Edge and J. van Millingen.

The draws for the Shield and International Charity Cup competitions will be made at the monthly meeting of Hong Kong Football Association this afternoon at 5.30 p.m.

Correspondence from the Shanghai, Macao, and Burma Football Associations in respect of Interports, will also be dealt with.

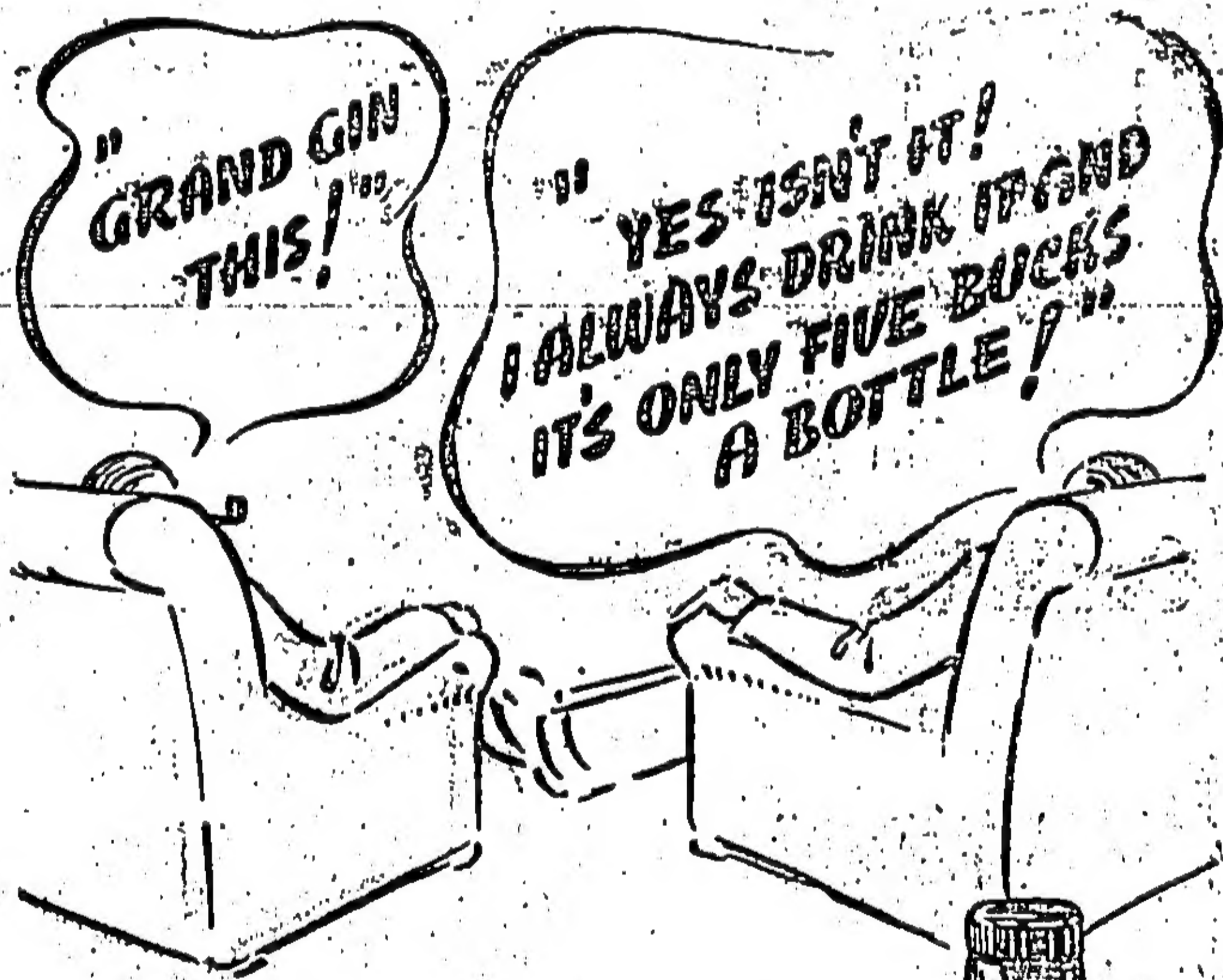
ARMY BILLIARDS, SNOOKER

The following are the last fifteen and seventeen in the individual Billiards and Snooker Championships respectively:—

Billiards Championship:—Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C., Sgt. Brakenbury, R. Siga, S/S. Carden, R.A. P.C., Pte. Gordon, 2/R. Scots, *Sgt. Hamlin, R.A.S.C., Sgt. Wyre, R.A.M.C., Bsm. Rawlings, 12th H. Bty., R.A., Sgt. Whitton, C. M. Police, Sgms. Wood, R.A.S.C., Pte. Haig, R.A.S.C., Tsm. Mills, 38th H. Bty., R.A., L/C. Willis, C.M. Police, L/C. Fowler, 2/R. Scots, Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C., Sgt. Murphy, R.A.S.C.

*Bye into 4th Round.

Snooker Championship:—Bsm. Scragg, 7th H.A.A. Bty., R.A. Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C. Cpl. Duncan, 2/R. Scots, Lt. Dixon, R.A.M.C. Sgms. Wood, R.A.S.C., Pte. Whelan, 2/R. Scots, Pte. Jenkins, 2/R. Scots, L/C. Willis, C. M. Police, L/C. Thompson, R.E., Pte. Gordon, 2/R. Scots, Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C., Ssm. Spiers, R.A.P.C., Pip. Milne, 2/R. Scots, Pte. Myles, 2/R. Scots, L/C. Saunders, R.A.O.C., Cpl. Copsey, R. Signals or Pte. Corchran, 2/R. Scots.



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British Triumph In Aerial Photography Needs of War

NAZI AIRMEN LAY OFF

A few enemy aircraft approached the British coast singly during yesterday, some of which penetrated into east Kent. Reports received indicate, says an Air Ministry communique, that only two bombs were dropped, causing little damage and no casualties.—Reuter.

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

A MAJOR BRITISH triumph in wartime aerial photography, by which Germany is successfully spied upon from the sub-stratosphere, was announced in London yesterday by a senior officer of the R.A.F. Directorship of Photography.

Furthermore, this authority remarked, "we are well ahead of the Germans. I don't just think so—I know."

Cameras captured from German reconnaissance aircraft have convinced his department that Britain has nothing to learn from German manufacturers, even the producers of the famous Zeiss lenses.

German cameras are regarded as big and clumsy compared with the neat and compact British units, the lenses are definitely inferior and the results obtained not so good.

Streets Ahead

It was also stated that the R.A.F. is "streets ahead" of the Luftwaffe in the important matter of mounting these cameras to stand the severe strain of operational flights.

A new series of war photographs will shortly be released which will re-emphasise the advances made.

Photo planes have been driven up to 25,000 feet and over to get pictures of enemy dispositions and bomb damage.

This has introduced a multitude of new technical problems. To achieve clear definition of targets, complicated by high speed, aircraft must fly to escape interception and, if possible, detection.

Some Of Problems

Necessary developments affected are, inter alia, the size of the camera, length of focus, freezing of parts at high altitudes and condensation of the obscuring sight of the lenses.

The difficulties have been overcome by the R.A.F. more skillfully than by the Luftwaffe.

Two of the largest photographic firms in Britain are cooperating with the Air Ministry in helping the R.A.F. maintain the lead.

Perfection of aerial night photography is being actively pursued. The R.A.F. have what they consider a first class flash bomb already in use, so that although the release of an American type to Britain is welcome, it should not be considered unique.—Reuter.

ITALIAN DIVISIONS CUT OFF

(Continued from Page 1)

tured territory, for the desert yields nothing of all these.

Every drop of water and every scrap of food must be carried by the forces on the move.

The problems of desert warfare were well illustrated by the operations undertaken by the Italians when they advanced into Egypt earlier this year.

Well equipped, they were able to advance rapidly as far as Sidi Barrani, but then their momentum was absorbed by the sands of the desert.

Official Communique

The operations in the Western Desert are successfully continuing, states a communique issued by General Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

Prisoners so far captured are reported to exceed 4,000 and a number of medium tanks.

In the Gallabat area patrolling activity supported by our artillery fire, continues.

Perimeter Camps

The Italian troops in Egypt are occupying an area extending from Sollum to Sidi Barrani, bounded on the north by the sea and extending from 20 to 25 miles to the south, it was stated in authoritative military circles in London yesterday.

Inside this quadrilateral they are holding a number of perimeter camps which are strongly defended and fortified and provided with anti-tank and A.A. guns.

It appears the British forces hitherto have attacked two of these camps with considerable success.

British Troops In

It cannot at the moment be said for certain that the Italians have been entirely driven out of these camps but what undoubtedly is true is that the British forces are in them or in at least part of them.

It is probable that these camps are mainly occupied by Italian native troops.

It is known there are two Libyan divisions in the area and presumably these are the divisions being engaged at the moment.

SECRET DEBATE ON SHIPPING

The House of Commons will hold a secret debate about shipping in the near future.—Reuter.

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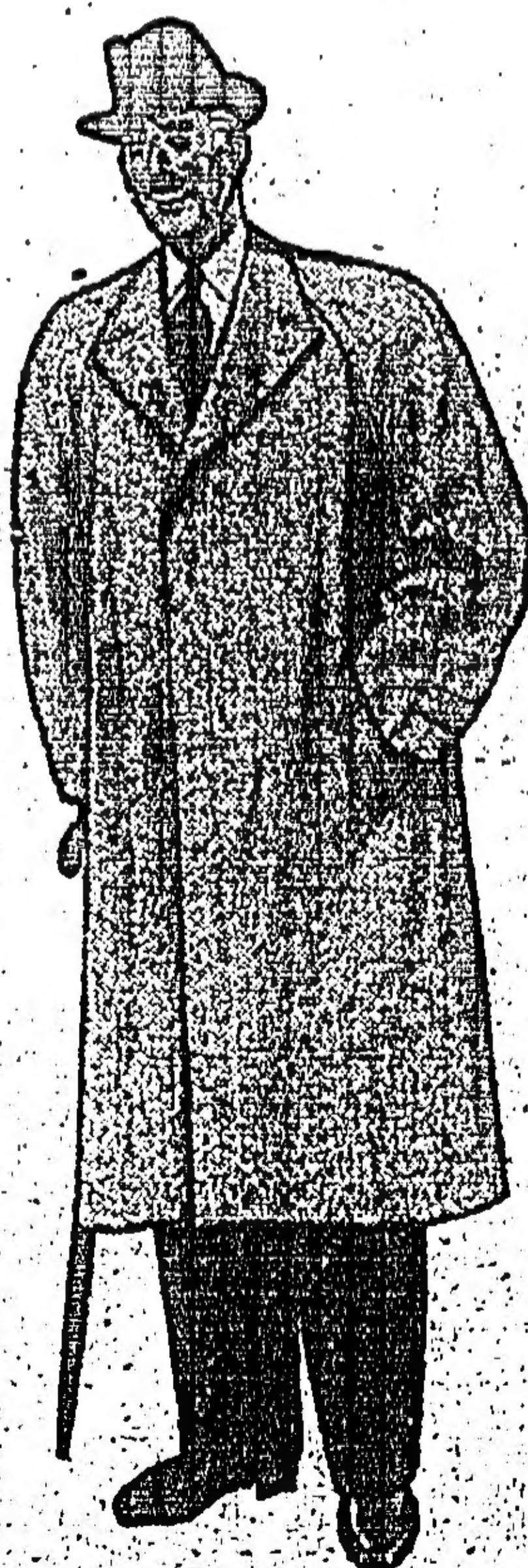
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